Standards Development Activities Related to Friction Ridge Examination

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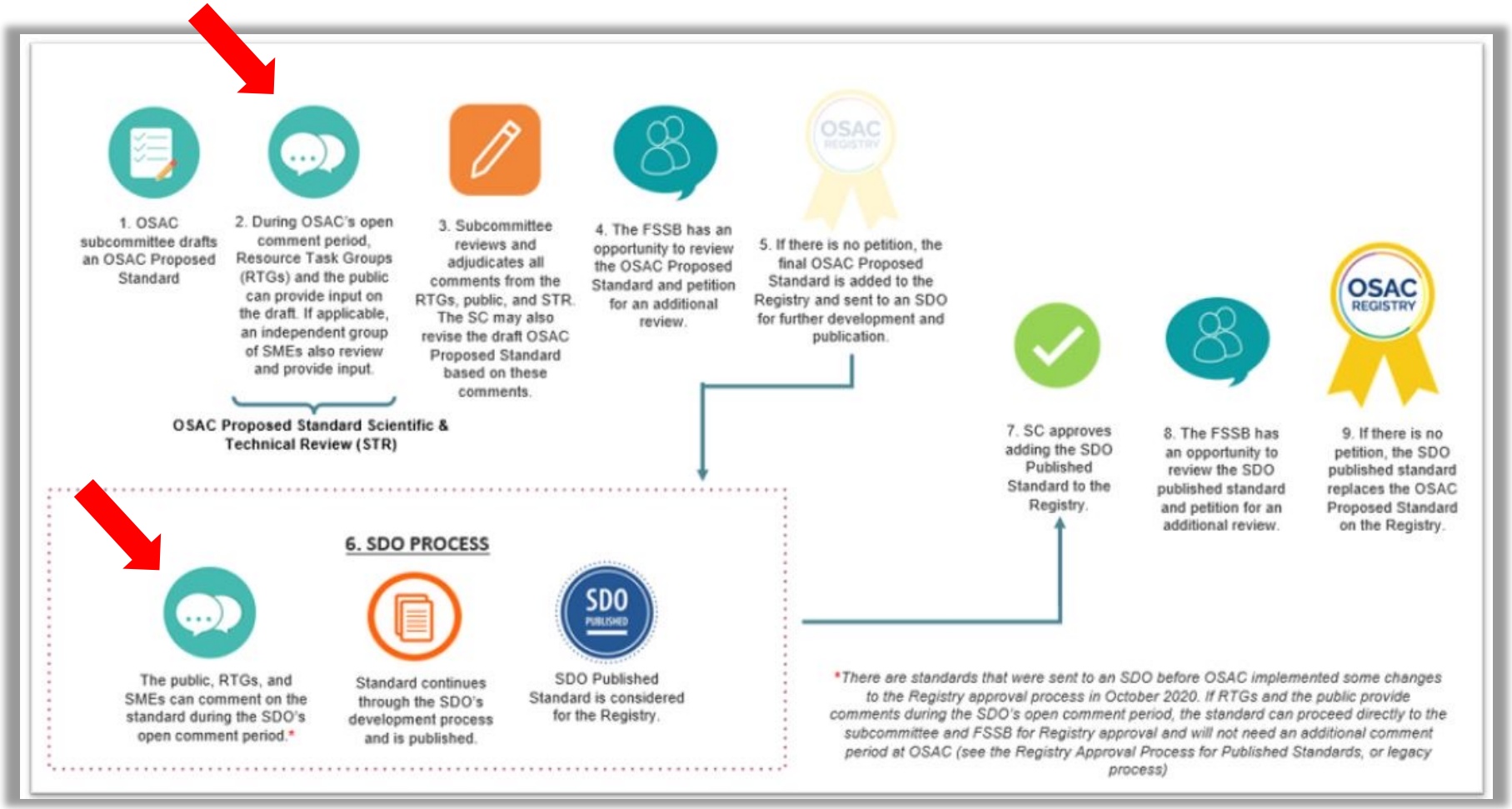
Two organizations working together

- OSAC was established in 2014 to replace SWGs
- OSAC is administered by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- ASB was established in 2015 to be an ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO)
- ASB is administered by the AAFS
- Both organizations work together to facilitate the promote the development and implementation of standards and best practice recommendations relating to friction ridge examination and have a balance of interests represented and opportunities for public involvement

OSAC and Standards Development



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The ASB Process

- New Work Proposal received
- ASB Board review/approval
- Working Group formed to review/draft document
- WG document presented to Consensus Body for review/comment/vote
- Document goes to Public Comment
- Comments adjudicated
- Additional rounds of comment on any changes made, if necessary
- Final approval by Consensus Body
- ANSI Process Review
- Document returns to OSAC to be considered for placement on OSAC Registry

FRS Published Proposed Standards & BPRs

1. Std for Proficiency Testing in Friction Ridge Examination*
2. BPR for Limited Examinations*
3. Std for Processing Evidence for the Detection of Friction Ridge Impressions*
4. Std for Feature Selection in Friction Ridge Examination*
5. Std
6. BPR
7. BPR
8. Std
9. BPR
10. BPR
11. Std for Friction Ridge Examination Conclusions***
12. Std for Reporting Results from Friction Ridge Examinations
13. BPR for Technical Review in Friction Ridge Identification
14. BPR for Testimony Monitoring
15. BPR for Articulating a Source Identification in Friction Ridge Examination
16. Std for Friction Ridge Examination Training Program

"All published documents are completed work products of the OSAC Friction Ridge Subcommittee and have passed a rigorous technical and quality review by the subcommittee. The subcommittee encourages the forensic science community to implement these proposed standards."

FRS Documents Under Development

1. Acceptance of a Request for Friction Ridge Examinations (BPR)
2. Task Relevant Information in Friction Ridge Examination (TR)
3. Method Validation (Standard and BPRs)
4. Automated Biometric Identification System Best Practices
5. Recruiting/Selection for Pattern Recognition
6. *Process Map Update
7. *OSAC Implementation Guides
8. *R&D Needs Assessments

**Supplemental guides; not resulting in a standard or best practice recommendation document*

OSAC FRS R&D Needs

1. ACE-V Bias
2. Assessing the Sufficiency and Strength of Friction Ridge Features
3. Close Non-Match Assessment
4. Complexity in Analysis and Comparison of Friction Ridge Impressions
5. Culture, Communication, Comprehension and Psychology in Friction Ridge Evidence
6. Determination of the Relevance of Marks to an Incident in Question Through Age and Activity Estimation
7. Development and Processing Techniques
8. Examiner Consistency During Friction Ridge Feature Mark-Up
9. Friction Ridge Statistical Modeling
10. Latent Fingerprint Image Quality Usage
11. Personnel Selection and Retention of Friction Ridge Science Practitioners
12. Technical Review and Verification

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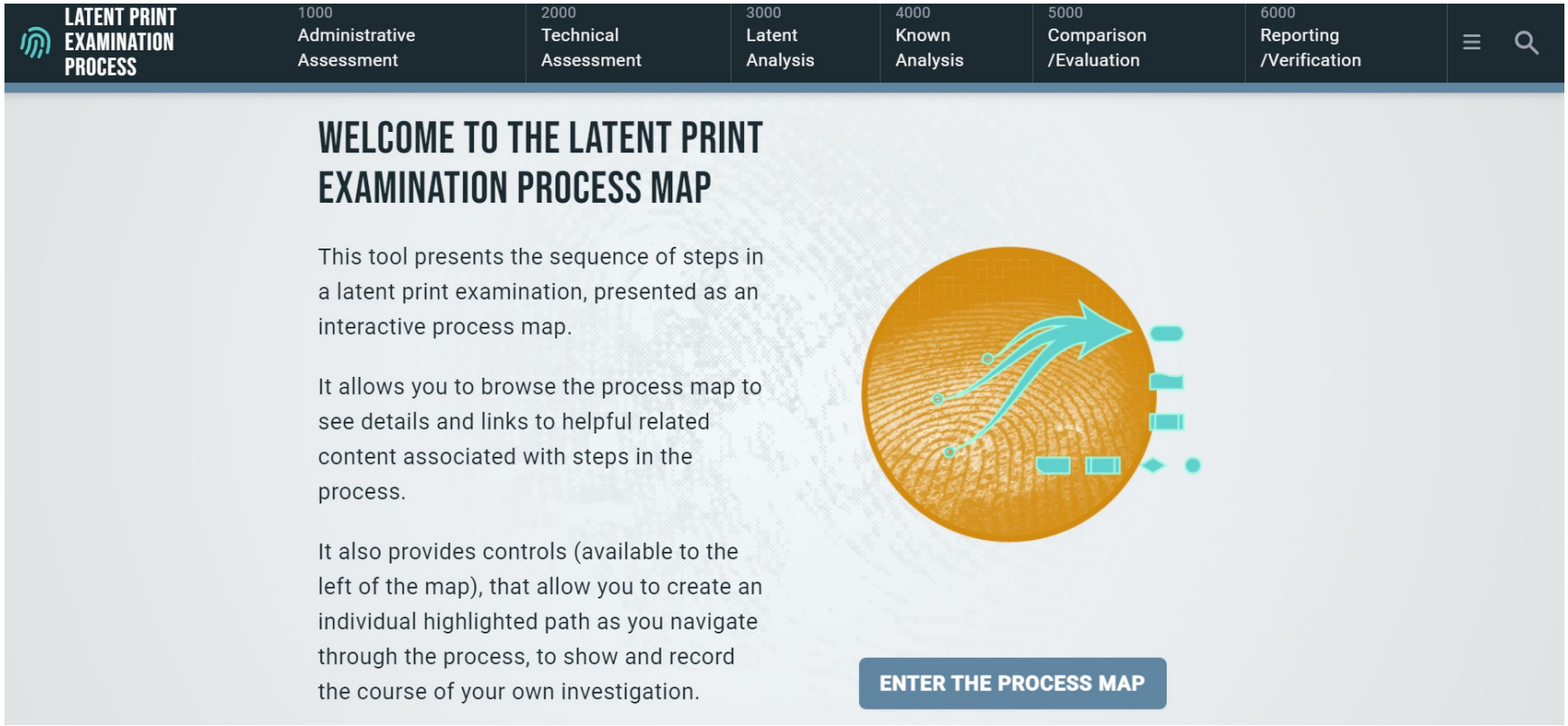
NIST *Interactive* Process Map

Free tool → Links users to helpful related content associated with steps in the process—standards, best practices, trainings, tools, and research associated with each step, and provides controls that allow users to create an individual highlighted path as they navigate through the process, to show and record the course of their own examination.



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NIST-AAFS Cooperative Agreement


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WHAT IS AN AAFS STANDARD FACTSHEET?

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STANDARD?

WHY IS THIS STANDARD IMPORTANT? WHAT ARE ITS BENEFITS?

HOW IS THIS STANDARD USED AND WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS?

Training

Factsheets

Checklists

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