

[GSA] Fiscal Year 2024 Agency Report

1. Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities" and the National Technology Transfer and Advance Act (NTTAA). The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

GSA adheres to all aspects of standards related programmatic activities as outlined in OMB Circular A-119. Our Agency reviews our current standards use on a recurring basis, and continuously assess the potential to expand use of non-government standards/ voluntary consensus-based standards when practical for the Government.

This leads to increased efficiencies for our business processes and contributes to greater reliability on product quality regardless of what type of product it is. Standards used at GSA are broad and range from Information Technology solutions to buildings and beyond. GSA has a diverse mission set and the standards program is focused on ensuring commercially available and industry driven standards to the greatest extent possible.

GSA's standards webpage is currently being updated and will be live soon. GSA can amend this report with the site's URL when it's available.

2. Please record any government-unique standards (GUS) your agency began using in lieu of voluntary consensus standards (VCS) during FY 2024. Please note, GUS which are still in effect from previous years should continue to be listed, and you do not need to report your agency's use of a GUS where no similar VCS exists.

Start by reviewing Table 1: Current Government Unique Standards FY2024.

To add a new GUS, please include:

The name of the GUS;

The name(s) and version(s) of the VCS(s) that might have been used, but after review, found to be inappropriate;

A brief rationale on why the VCS(s) was not chosen.

Current total GUS: 1

(1) Government Unique Standard (Standards and Engineering Branch): FF-L-2937
[Incorporated: 2006]

Rationale: Federal Specification FF-L-2937 – Combination Lock, Mechanical used in lieu of UL 768 Combination Locks. The lock covered by the GUS is used for the protection of classified information and weapons. The UL specification did not meet identified government needs for dialing tolerance and bolt end pressure.