



U.S. General Services Administration

GSA Fiscal Year 2025 Agency Report

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Office of Government-wide Policy
Office of Technology Policy

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.” 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 continues to adhere to all aspects of standards-related programmatic activities as outlined OMB Circular A-119. The agency recognizes the importance of voluntary consensus standards in promoting efficiency, innovation, and interoperability across its diverse operations.

GSA reviews its current standards usage on a recurring basis and continuously assesses the potential to expand the use of voluntary consensus-based standards whenever practical and beneficial for the government. This strategic approach leads to increased efficiencies in our business processes and contributes to greater reliability in product and service quality. GSA's use of voluntary consensus-based standards spans a wide range – from information technology solutions and cybersecurity to building design, construction, materials and tools. Given GSA's diverse mission, the standards program focuses on leveraging commercially available and industry-driven standards to the greatest extent possible. Over the years, GSA has participated with numerous standards developing organizations (SDOs), including:

- [American Institute of Steel Construction](#) (AISC)
- [American National Standards Institute](#) (ANSI)
- [ASHRAE](#)
- [American Society of Civil Engineers](#) (ASCE)
- [American Society of Mechanical Engineers](#) (ASME)
- [American Society of Plumbing Engineers](#) (ASPE)
- [American Society for Testing and Materials](#) (ASTM)
- [International Code Council](#) (ICC)
- [International Electrotechnical Commission](#) (IEC)
- [Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers](#) (IEEE)
- [Illuminating Engineering Society](#) (IES)
- [International Organization for Standardization](#) (ISO)
- [National Electrical Manufacturers Association](#) (NEMA)
- [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA)
- [National Institute of Building Sciences](#) (NIBS)
- [SAE](#)
- [Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association](#) (SMACNA)
- [Underwriter's Laboratory](#) (UL)

Detailed Activities in 2025

Quarterly Meetings

In 2025, GSA restarted its quarterly meeting schedule with internal agency standards subject matter experts. These meetings have the following objectives:

- **Share Best Practices:** Participants across GSA share experiences and insights on standards implementation, challenges and successes, which includes effective strategies to identify relevant standards, incorporate them into procurement processes, and ensure compliance.
- **Discuss Training Opportunities:** The meetings serve as a platform to identify and disseminate information about relevant standards-related training opportunities, which may include training on specific standards, conformity assessment procedures, and the standards development process.
- **Inform on SDO Activities:** Participants provide updates on standards-related activities with pertinent SDOs relevant to GSA's mission. This includes information on new standards under development, revisions to existing standards, and opportunities for GSA participation in the standards development process. These meetings are crucial for ensuring GSA remains current on the latest standards and best practices. GSA has had several SDO speakers at these quarterly meetings.

Agency Standards SOP

GSA has developed a comprehensive standard operating procedure (SOP) to provide clear guidance on participating with standards developing organizations in the development of new standards or revision of existing standards. The SOP covers:

- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of different GSA stakeholders in the standards management process.
- **Standards Selection Criteria:** Outlines the criteria used to evaluate and select appropriate standards for use within GSA, emphasizing the preference for voluntary consensus standards.
- **Implementation Procedures:** Provides step-by-step instructions on how to incorporate standards into GSA's policies, procedures, and procurement practices.

Internal Website

GSA has launched an internal website (screenshot available below) to serve as a central repository for standards-related information. This website provides:

- **Access to various standards:** A comprehensive library of standards relevant to GSA's operations.
- **Guidance Documents:** Helpful guidance documents, templates, and tools to support the implementation of standards.
- **Training Materials:** Training materials and resources to enhance employee understanding of standards and conformity assessment.
- **Contact Information:** A directory of GSA standards experts who can provide assistance and guidance.
- **News and Updates:** Regular updates on standards-related news, events, and initiatives.

External Website

GSA is actively developing an external website to provide the public with information about the agency's standards and conformity assessment-related activities. The external 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. We are committed to making this information publicly available as soon as possible.

Snapshot of GSA's Internal Standards webpage:



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Welcome to GSA's Internal resource hub, where you can learn about and participate in domestic and international standards development. This group connects GSA employees across programs who participate in or want to engage with standard development organizations (SDOs), both nationally and internationally. We meet regularly to share best practices, collaborate, and shape GSA's participation in global standardization areas.

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2025-2026 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

*Please reach out to Bryan Stevenson or Laura Szakmary to be added to meeting invites

January 15, 2026

GSA Standards Program Presentation [slides](#)

IEEE [Presentation Slides](#)

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September 18, 2025

NIST [Presentation Slides](#)

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Overview

The [National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act \(NTTAA\)](#) and [OMB Circular A-119](#) require federal agencies to adopt voluntary consensus standards (VCS) instead of government-unique standards in order to reduce duplication, enhance efficiency, and foster collaboration across government and with the private sector. Both of these drivers require agencies to participate in standards development activities, designate an agency Standards Executive to oversee compliance and engagement, and report on the use of government-unique standards when VCS's are not adopted.

GSA's Standards Executive is responsible for ensuring the agency fulfills A-119's reporting requirements and for encouraging agency staff training and involvement in standards development activities. GSA must report annually on any government-unique standards it uses in lieu of VCS, providing explanations as required by NTTAA.

The Office of Technology Policy (OTP), within GSA's Office of Government-wide Policy, has assumed the role of Standards Executive and is now representing GSA in the Interagency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP). The ICSP is managed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. See [OMB Circular A-119](#) (Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities) for more information about the policy framework.

Goals of the GSA Standards Program:

- Promote awareness of government standards efforts by effectively communicating standards activities across agencies.
- Actively participate in the government, private, and international standards activities.
- Coordinate GSA Standards participation and activities.
- Educate agencies on the use of existing standards for IT modernization.

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How can we improve this webpage?

Please list the government-unique standards (GUS) your agency used in lieu of voluntary consensus standards during FY 2025:

- ***Government Unique Standard: (name)***
- ***Voluntary Standard (that was not used): (name)***
- ***Rationale (for not using): (brief description)***

GSA Government Unique Standard (GUS)

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.