



CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON STANDARDS
COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Standards is hereby established by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Technology (CoT).

B. Purpose and Scope

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A- 119 sets forth the official Administration policy on the federal government's approach to standard setting. That framework, emphasizes the Federal Government's commitment to the use of voluntary, consensus-based standards developed by private sector organizations to carry out its policy objectives. The framework does not address how to best engage government agencies on standards policy issues, articulate the U.S. model of public-private cooperation in standard setting to domestic and international audiences, and develop increased awareness within the Federal government of best practice in addressing standards policy issues. This Subcommittee, which will operate under the oversight of the NTSC's Committee on Technology as well as OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, will take on the responsibility of addressing these and related questions.

C. Functions

- The Subcommittee will address the importance of standard setting and implementation in connection to effective governance and agency operations and will empower officials within each relevant agency to play a leadership role in identifying and enhancing the quality and effectiveness of that agency's standards related engagement.
- The Subcommittee will facilitate a strong, coordinated effort across Federal agencies to clarify how standards can best be used to achieve procurement needs and regulatory policy and guidance goals, and enable technology development and innovation.
- Working with appropriate Federal agencies and established interagency groups, the Subcommittee will support U.S. standards policy, as embodied in the NTTAA and OMB A-119, elaborating the benefits of this approach and and informing audiences, including the international community as to how and why the U.S. approaches standard setting in a voluntary, consensus-based manner.

- The Subcommittee will identify those areas where standards policy issues may arise while addressing national priorities and determine how U.S. government leadership can elevate an awareness of best practices in addressing such standards policy issues. In so doing, however, it will not seek to disturb the commitment to diversity of standard setting approaches.

D. Membership

The following Federal departments and agencies are represented on the CoT Subcommittee on Standards:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
 - National Telecommunications and Information Administration
 - International Trade Administration
 - Office of the Secretary
 - Patent and Trademark Office
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology (Co-Chair)
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Justice (Co-Chair)
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- General Services Administration
- Government Printing Office
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Other departments and agencies designated by the Co-chairs.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President shall also be represented on the CoT Subcommittee on Standards

- National Economic Council
- National Security Council
- Office of Management and Budget
 - Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
- Office of Science and Technology Policy
- United States Trade Representative

A number of independent federal agencies, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Trade Commission, International Trade Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, US Access Board, and the US Postal Service shall be represented on the CoT Subcommittee on Standards in an advisory capacity insofar as they are deeply engaged in standard setting activity or policy issues.

E. Private Sector Interface

The Subcommittee may interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from the private sector as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

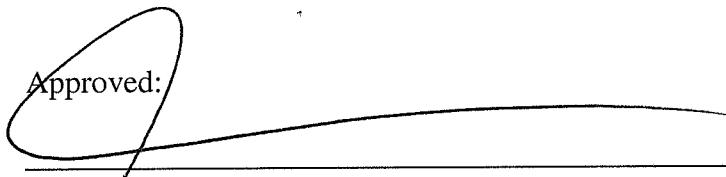
F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the chair of the Committee on Technology prior to its expiration, the Subcommittee on Standards shall be subject to termination no later than December 31, 2012.

G. Determination

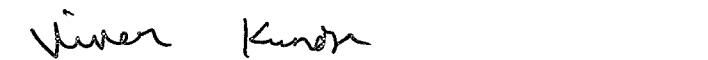
We hereby determine that the formation of the Subcommittee on Standards is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



Aneesh Chopra
U.S. Chief Technology Officer and
Co-Chair of the NSTC's Committee on Technology

7/29/10
Date



Vivek Kundra
Federal Chief Information Officer and Co-Chair of the
NSTC's Committee on Technology

08/02/10
Date



Philip J. Weiser
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Date