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DRAFT UNITED STATES STANDARDS STRATEGY RELEASED

Comments must be submitted by April 18, 2005

The United States Standards Strategy (USSS), a revision of the National Standards Strategy for the United States (NSS), is now available for public review and comment <www.ansi.org/usss>. The purpose of the initiative is "to establish a framework that can be used by all interested parties to further advance trade issues in the global marketplace, enhance consumer health and safety, meet stakeholder needs and, as appropriate, advance U.S. viewpoints in the regional and international arena." Responses may be submitted at any time between now and close of business on April 18, 2005, to Joseph Tretler, Jr., ANSI Staff Liaison for the U.S. Standards Strategy Committee (212.642.4977; jtretler@ansi.org).

There will be a special, by-invitation only working session to discuss and take comments on the USSS hosted by **ConsortiumInfo.org** and **Gesmer Updegrove LLP** in Boston, Massachusetts on March 29, exclusively for leaders and representatives of standard setting consortia and open source groups. At this meeting, Committee members (including George Arnold and Mark Hurwitz, the Chairman and President of ANSI, respectively, and Joe Bhatia, the Committee Chair) will describe the current status of the redrafting effort, followed by an extended period during which those in attendance may ask questions, express their views, offer suggestions, and learn how they may become further involved, either actively or simply to track the revision activities as they proceed. Qualified representatives may request an invitation by emailing andrew.updegrove@gesmer.com. There is no charge for this event.

There will also be a public forum on the USSS hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and ANSI, which will take place on Friday, April 15, 2005, at the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. The public forum is meant to raise awareness of the Strategy; to engage stakeholders in a dialogue of its principles, strategic initiatives and tactics; and to invite public comment. The results of the forum discussion will be included in a compilation of public comments and considered in a final draft of the U.S. Standards Strategy.

There is no charge for the public forum, but pre-registration is required. To register electronically, please send an e-mail message containing the attendee's name, title, organization, telephone, telefax and e-mail address to registration@ansi.org, or call 212-642-4956.