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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Women in Standards announces IRS designation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

June 8, 2020 - The Women in Standards (@WiStandards) is proud to announce that it has been designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization by the IRS. This change completes a promise Women in Standards made to its members to seek legal status as a nonprofit and is a critical step in the organization's mission to reach stakeholders and promote the value of standardization.

With this new status, Women in Standards will be better aligned to further its work:

- Offering high quality content to members
- Promoting member engagement and networking
- Reaching out to new stakeholder groups to encourage participation in standardization
- Providing education and visibility on improving gender-inclusive practices

Women in Standards recently held its first online educational session, welcoming Kate Dolan, well-known ISO standards committee convenor, to discuss with members her work as a convenor of an ISO Technical Committee (TC), lessons learned, and the unique hurdles of working with international stakeholders. This marks the first of many planned events and educational sessions organized to support the industry by bringing visibility to standards development and encouraging stakeholder engagement.

Want to support the Women in Standards in its efforts? The organization continues its search for legal and financial experts to sit on the Board and advice its activities. To learn more, reach out to Women in Standards Executive Officer, Karin Athanas at admin@womeninstandards.org.

ABOUT Women in Standards:

Women in Standards is a nonprofit membership society incorporated in Maryland, whose stated mission is *"To develop and promote a diverse ecosystem of standards development participants."* Visit the Women in Standards website for educational resources on topics such as standards development and standardization, conformity assessment, and professional development. The Women in Standards provides a community for standards developers and contributors to come together to grow and strengthen the field and promote issues of inclusion and diversity.