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Establishing the Framework for Standards Participation

February 16, 2020 – Each year hundreds of thousands of individuals will participate in the development of standards across every industry and around the world. Participants often join a standards body with no knowledge of the standards development process or what they will be expected to do as a participant. In answer to requests by stakeholders, the Women in Standards has published a competency framework for standards participants.

The framework establishes the valued education, experience, and skills and abilities that contribute to a participant's success. Accompanying the framework are two recordings which highlight the role of participants in standard development and media files that are being made freely available to standards developers and other stakeholders for their use.

On the successful publication of the framework, Vicki Worden, CEO of Green Building Initiative, and Chair of the Women in Standards Education Committee stated "The competency framework and videos are an amazing start to providing standards developers a starting place for recruitment. The framework and initial training videos orient subject matter experts and potential participants to the type of work they are being asked to contribute to while giving a comprehensive overview of skills, experience, and attributes that help make participants effective and valued contributors."

The framework can be downloaded from the Women in Standards website at womeninstandards.org/becoming-a-standards-volunteer/. Questions and inquires can be directed to Executive Officer, Karin Athanas at kathanas@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 WomeninStandards.org 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.