

August 18, 2023

## TO: STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (SDO) and OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

## SUBJECT: Presentation of Standards Development Organization Accreditation Program, Subject MISC1-1023-R0 (GA)

## **Hearing Information:**

IAS Accreditation Committee Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:30 am (Pacific Time Zone) WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

IAS has received requests to consider developing a program to accredit Standards Development Organizations (SDOs). Eligible entities for accreditation under this program will be legal entities that develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant standards through a formal process and active stakeholder participation.

Your opinion of the feasibility of such a new program, and how you believe it will be accepted by the market, will allow IAS staff to undertake an in-depth study of the issue. Based on your feedback, IAS will be able to serve the market with an appropriate response to the requests received.

During this meeting, IAS will provide information on the envisioned accreditation process, and solicit feedback from interested parties.

You are cordially invited to submit written comments, or to attend the WebEx committee hearing and present verbal comments. Written comments will be forwarded to the committee, **prior to the hearing**, if received by September 4, 2023. For your convenience, a comment form is provided. The link can be found on the Accreditation Committee meeting page on the IAS website, <u>www.iasonline.org</u>. Comments must be emailed to <u>iasinfo@iasonline.org</u>.

Parties interested in commenting may deliver written communications and submissions regarding this item to IAS within approximately 30 days of posting of the public notice on the IAS website. The committee shall be informed of all pertinent written

communications received by IAS. Any relevant communication/submission shall be posted to the IAS website prior to the meeting.

Participants at the accreditation committee meetings shall have the opportunity to speak on this item to provide information to the committee. Committee meetings are generally held by electronic means. Participants are responsible to ensure access to appropriate computer equipment, software, and internet connectivity to ensure effective participation during the meeting.

Your cooperation is requested in forwarding to IAS, as noted above, all material directed to the committee. Prior to the hearing, parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. The committee reserves the right to refuse communications that do not comply with this request.

If you have any questions, please contact IAS at 562-364-8201. You may also reach us by e-mail at <u>iasinfo@iasonline.org</u>.

Yours very truly,

George Anastasopoulos, PhD Senior Vice President

Enclosures: None cc: Accreditation Committee