

NEWS RELEASE

Publication of SES 3:2016, *Recommended Practice for Joint Standards Development*

SES - The Society for Standards Professionals is pleased to announce the publication of a Recommended Practice for Joint Standards Development to provide guidance to Standards Development Organizations by outlining the key components of a Joint Standards Agreement and a recommended process for managing the development of Joint Standards.

Recent trends indicate an increase in efforts where two or more organizations enter into an agreement for the development and publication of a Joint Standard. These Joint Standards may have industrial, commercial, or consumer application, with use on a national, regional, or international level.

Joint Standards development can be accomplished through a variety of legal paths including contracts and Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs), collectively referred to as the Agreement. Key components of a Joint Standards Agreement include scope and purpose, policies, process, dispute resolution, branding and publication, marketing and distribution, and maintenance.

When participating organizations share with one another their intended goals for the activity and document the roles and responsibilities upfront in the process, the joint effort tends to run more smoothly.

SES 3:2016 is a great companion to SES 2:2011, *Model Procedure for the Development of Standards*, which addresses all of the essential due process requirements for standards development.

SES 3: 2016 is available for \$25 USD for SES members and \$35 USD for non-members through the SES website. Please visit www.ses-standards.org to order this and other SES Publications.

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