ASSE members, OSH Professionals, and the profession overall are depending more and more on voluntary national consensus standards to occupational safety and health forward. The ANSI/ASSE mark continues to be an indicator of quality and high-caliber performance measurements. We continue to get inquiries about our standards and their use in contracts, working agreements, regulation/legislation, labor agreements, etc… We believe this use and recognition will continue to grow. For this reason we think it is imperative that OSH professionals follow these standards and participate in the process. There is no question that ASSE is the leading source for cutting edge information about cutting-edge occupational safety and health voluntary consensus standards.

While you are in Atlanta with us this year for the ASSE 2016 Professional Development Conference we would like to point to the sessions below dealing with voluntary national consensus standard. Even cursory review will more than indicate the expansion of standards and how you and your organization are potentially impacted. If you have not yet registered, hopefully the depth and quality of these sessions will encourage you to register. Attendance is a good investment for both your organization and yourself as you prepare for what is an increasingly important topic in safety – expanded use and implementation of voluntary national consensus standards impacting occupational safety and health.

Check out these high-caliber standards related sessions at this year’s conference:

506 | The Role of the International Fire Code in Promoting Safety
June 27, 10:45am - 11:45am: Safety Professionals have a little used tool in their toolbox. It is the Fire Code, applicable in all but 8 states. Most of us don't know the value of this tool. This session gives an in-depth overview of the Code and how you can be better at doing your job.

520 | How to Implement ISO 45001 in Your Organization
June 27, 10:45am - 11:45am: This presentation will provide an update of the soon to be released ISO 45001 OHSAS standard as well as a road map to implementing the standard in an organization.

522 | NFPA 652 - The New Standard for Combustible Dust
June 27, 10:45am - 11:45am: In 2015, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released NFPA 652, a new, overarching standard for combustible dust that covers all material in all industries. This presentation will provide detailed information on the new standard; specifically discussing how it will impact facility and process design and operation.

524 | Audit Your Fleet Safety Process to Drive Excellence
June 27, 10:45am - 11:45am: Learn how fleet audits can be used to identify weaknesses/gaps in your program and your compliance. Key elements of how to perform a comprehensive fleet risk audit will be reviewed. Use audit findings to develop action plans/meaningful strategy. Learn how ANSI/ASSE Z15.1 fits to enhance fleet audit.
The Impact & Implications of NFPA 652, NFPA's Newest Combustible Dust Standard
June 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm: This session describes and illustrates how NFPA 652 addresses combustible dust hazards, and how it works within the current structure of the existing NFPA combustible dust standards. How NFPA 652 relates to the current OSHA combustible dust enforcement activities will also be discussed.

ISO/ANSI/ASSE 45001 Forum - Significant and Future Impact on Safety
June 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm: The ISO Project Committee (PC) 283 represents one of the most significant consensus standards activities within the last 50 years, and it has the potential to positively impact occupational health and safety management on a global level. We have seen that investment in OH&S management also improves overall organizational performance.

New Standards For Aerial Lifts
June 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm: New Standards for Mobile Elevating Work Platforms. Comparison of old requirements to new, including discussion of main changes. Complimentary standards will be provided.

Measuring Health and Safety Performance Globally: ASTM Standard E2920 - 14
June 27, 3:15pm - 4:15pm: ASTM Standard E2920 - 14 simplifies work-related injury and illness definitions to enable consistent comparison across countries and within companies. It seeks to identify cases with meaningful connection to work and sufficient gravity to provide value for prevention purposes. The resulting data has the potential to enable global benchmarking consistency.

ANSI/ASSE A10 Construction Standards - Significant Standards Pending
June 28, 10:30am - 11:45am: This presentation will explore how the ANSI/ASSE A10 Construction and Demolition Standards are being increasingly used and an overview on several new pending standards addressing prevention through design, health hazards, tower construction, and wind generation.

Applying ISO 45001 to Manage Your Workplace Ergonomics Program
June 28, 3:00pm - 4:15pm: Organizations that have reduced and controlled musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) have followed a systematic ergonomics improvement process. Management system models, including the new ISO 45001 Safety Management System, provide an effective method for managing MSD risks and ergonomic improvements. This presentation will outline the key elements of the overall process.

Use ISO 31000 to Improve Your Safety Culture
June 28, 3:00pm - 4:15pm: Learn the basics of the ISO 31000 International Risk Management Standard and how applying this standard can help create a culture of safety for your organization. Key concepts include continued improvement and linking all risk management efforts to your organization's objectives. Using an international standard may add prestige to your work.

Developing a World Class Electrical Safety Program by Schneider Electric, NFPA70e
June 28, 3:00pm - 4:15pm: For companies, following the NFPA70e guidelines is imperative to ensure electrical workers are protected from electrical hazards. These OSHA governed
requirements from the NFPA provide the baseline for electrical employee safety. This session will provide an overview of key requirements, and how Schneider Electric builds on these requirements to increase employee safety.

653 | Rock Your EHS Training with ASSE/ANSI Z490 Standard on EHS Training!
June 28, 3:00pm - 4:15pm: Do you develop/deliver EHS training? Do you use Z490 as your training management system? Why not? Come and learn how to use Z490 to its fullest to have the best EHS training program. This session will demonstrate how to deliver engaging training in compliance with Z490.

742 | Safety Saves! Integrating ANSI Z10 Risk Assessment into Lean Management Systems
June 29, 11:00am - 12:00pm: A popular lean management system is called the '5S' program: Sort, Set, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain. But where does Safety fit in all this? Rather than the sixth 'S', safety should be incorporated each step of the way. This can also help reduce risk for a better bottom line.

744 | How ISO 45001 Will Drive Business Excellence
June 29, 11:00am - 12:00pm: The presentation examines the Standard's development over time and demonstrates how ISO 45001 will drive business excellence by integrating OSH risk management into business processes at all levels, so that OSH risk management becomes part of normal business activities and second nature, i.e. Built In, not Bolted On!

777 | OSHA's Enforcement and Significant Changes in 2015 NFPA 70E
June 29, 1:45pm - 2:45pm: This session provides an overall understanding of the latest changes to NFPA 70E and how they may affect your company's overall electrical safety program. Learn about significant changes such as approach boundaries, PPE requirements, training requirements for qualified persons, and more...