IAR Accreditation News

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IAR Now a Member of ANSI

The American National Standards Institute or "ANSI" is a private non-profit organization that oversees the development of voluntary consensus standards for products, services, processes, systems, and personnel in the United States.

ANSI's membership comprises government agencies, organizations, corporations, academic and international bodies, involved with standardization and accreditation.

As of July, 2nd 2010, IAR Accreditation Services, LLC. was formally accepted as an ANSI member.

IAR's support of ANSI, through its membership fees, helps fund active participation and advocacy for U.S. policy and technical positions in international and regional standards organizations.

"Accreditation provides a confirmation that an organization is competent in its field and adheres to a certain level of quality in its operations as well as products and services"

GMS Registrar LTD Recommended for Accreditation

Cleveland, Ohio-based GMS Registrar Ltd. has been successfully recommended for accreditation as an ISO 9001 Certification Body.

GMS Registrar LTD's management system was evaluated for conformance with ISO/IEC 17021 during the week of July 13-15, 2010 by IAR Lead Assessor, Ms. Lucia Natale and along with IAR Regional Director, Mr. Angel Pabellon.

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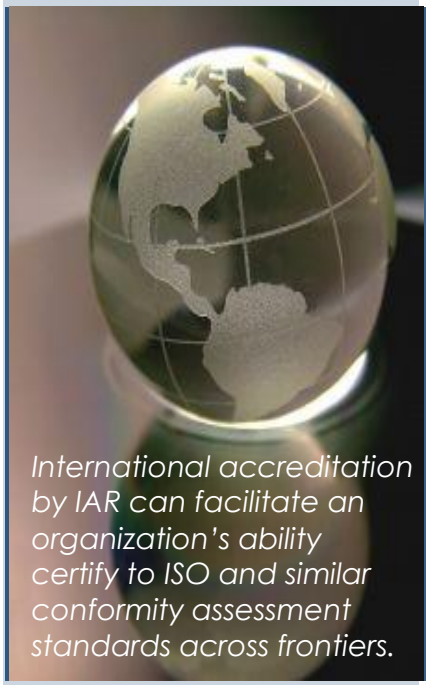

US Federal Government Approves IAR as a Business Partner

IAR has been successfully registered as part of the US Federal Government's Business Partner Network (www.bpn.gov).

Successfully completing the registration process is an indication that IAR has fulfilled applicable requirements and is subject to monitoring by the US Federal Government.

Given the rigorous verification process required for Federal Government contractor certification, IAR's approval provides greater confidence to the marketplace with regard to its viability as US-based international accreditation service provider.

Given the growing number of Government agencies looking to ISO and related standards as a benchmark for excellence, combined with the international presence of US operations (i.e. Embassies and consulates) IAR is poised to play an important role in ensuring that conformity assessment bodies that engage with the US government are duly qualified and competent to deliver the services they offer.

IAR to Launch New 6-Sigma Accreditation Program

For over 30 years organizations have been employing the compendium of methodologies now referred to as "*Six Sigma*" in order to improve the quality of process outputs by identifying and removing the causes of defects (errors) and minimizing variability in manufacturing and business processes.

As more organizations realize the value of employing in-house experts who have the knowledge and skills necessary for effectively deploying *Six-Sigma* tools, there has been a proliferation in the number of Certifying Organizations that issue "Black Belt" and similar Six Sigma certification designations.

Realizing the need for alignment in Six Sigma certification approaches which ensuring consistency and compatibility for the benefit of interested parties internationally, IAR's has developed an ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation program which is geared towards and can be easily implemented by:

- Professional / Membership Associations
- HR Departments within Industry or Government
- Colleges, Universities or Trade Schools
- Consulting Organizations
- Other Third-Party Certification Bodies

Accreditation Program

For more information about how to accredit your organization internationally please write and express your interest to:

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Upon receipt of your inquiry you will be sent a document which fully details the IAR Accreditation Program requirements, procedures and fees for 6-Sigma Certifying Organizations.

For the full scope of accreditation services offered by IAR, please visit www.iar-online.com.