

## **National Technology Transfer and Advance Act (1996)**

Section (12) (d) UTILIZATION OF CONSENSUS STANDARDS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES; REPORTS- (1) To the extent practicable, all Federal agencies and departments shall use, for procurement and regulatory applications, standards that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

(2) Federal agencies and departments shall consult with voluntary, private sector, consensus standards bodies, and shall participate with such bodies in the development of standards, as appropriate in carrying out paragraph (1).

(3) If a Federal agency or department elects to use, for procurement or regulatory applications, standards that are not developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies, the head of such agency or department shall transmit to the Office of Management and Budget an explanation of the reasons for adopting such standards. The Office of Management and Budget shall annually transmit to the Congress all explanations received by it under this subsection.