

Personal Protective Technology (PPT) Conformity Assessment FY17

Objective

Improve worker safety by establishing a national framework for PPT conformity assessment (CA) providing guidance for CA scheme ownership to enable program owners to define the level of independence and rigor of CA requirements based on hazards and risk to workers from a non-conforming product.

Stakeholders

- PPE accredited bodies and scheme owners (USCG, NIJ, FDA)
- PPE and RPD manufacturers, suppliers, purchasers
- US CA accreditors and accredited bodies
- ANSI accredited Standards Development Organizations (SDOs)

Partners

- NIST
- PPT Conformity Assessment WG members
- ANSI, A2LA

Project Scope

Essential functions and activities for effective national PPT certification schemes are defined. The Framework provides guidance for scheme ownership, defines research and data required to support it, and recommends uniform national CA functions and activities.

Milestones FY17

- 2Q17
 - Finalize ASTM WK27616
- 3Q17 & 4Q17
 - Publish Framework
 - Develop 3-5 year strategy for applying PPE CA guidance concepts to NPPTL CA activities
 - Present CA concepts at AIHce
 - Obtain Stakeholder input on CA Strategy

Potential Outputs

- Final PPT CA Framework for the nation
- ASTM F23 PPE CA Standard
- PPE-Info Database

Potential Outcomes

- National PPT CA practices used by Federal Agencies and private-sector certification scheme owners based on hazards and risks of a non-conforming product.
- Improved confidence the PPT conforms to declared standards and standards address hazards
- Reduced illnesses, injuries, and deaths resulting from ineffective PPE

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