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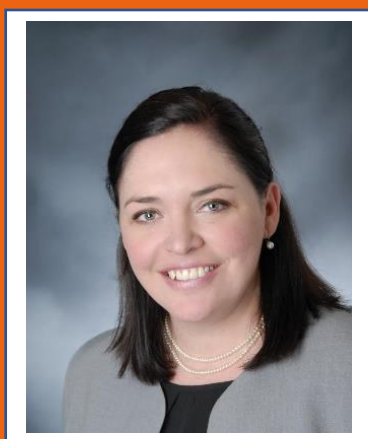
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Leslie McDermott joined ANSI in 2008 and now leads ANSI's international development activities, including advocacy and program development to improve national quality infrastructure and strengthen U.S. market access in China, India and other emerging economies in Africa and Asia in particular. Ms. McDermott manages the implementation of projects such as the Standards Alliance, a public-private partnership with USAID since 2013 designed to assist developing countries in implementing their commitments under the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreement.

Acting as a liaison between standards bodies, government, industry, and other affected organizations, Ms. McDermott helps assure that projects affecting trade and infrastructure development in emerging economies have the most meaningful impact. In addition, Ms. McDermott oversees the ANSI China Program which brings together technical, business and policy leaders to find solutions to issues impacting the U.S.-China trading relationship. Altogether, ANSI's international development portfolio under Ms. McDermott works with more than 20 countries and three donors, and includes implementing partners from across ANSI membership.

Ms. McDermott holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Royal Holloway, University of London, a Bachelor's Degree from Boston University, and is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP).



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