23 May 2017

ISO/TC 20/SC 13

**Description of the process by which ISO/TC 20/SC 13 Standards are developed**

All standards produced by ISO/TC 20/SC 13, Space data and information systems, are developed externally by the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS). When SC13 was established by the ISO, an agreement was made with CCSDS that submitted standards would be republished as ISO standards without modification. Following final agency review, the CCSDS Management Council (CMC) passes a resolution to submit a standard to SC13’s secretariat for processing as a Draft International Standard (DIS). SC13’s secretariat then creates a New Work Item Proposal (NWIP), or initiates a revision project if the submitted standard is an update of an existing ISO standard.

While CCSDS produces an array of documents, only Recommended Standards (Blue Books) and Recommended Practices (Magenta Books) are adopted as ISO standards. Other CSDS documents, including Informational Reports (Green Books), Experimental (Orange Books), Records (Yellow Books), and Historical (Silver Books), may be beneficial to those utilizing CCSDS and SC13 standards but are not normative in nature and are therefore not published by the ISO.