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Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to inform members of the NDIA Integrated Program Management Division (IPMD) and our government partners of the correct designation of the EIA-748 Earned Value Management System (EVMS) Standard. For many years, the Industrial and Government community have referenced the EVMS Standard as “ANSI 748” or just “ANSI;” both are incorrect. This reference stems from the original document number and the habit of shortening terms for convenience. The proper designation for this document is “EIA-748-C Earned Value Management System (EVMS) Standard”. Over the years, no changes have been made to the 32 guidelines, associated process discussions, and other content of the EVMS Standard. This is simply a naming issue that should have been addressed years ago.

The NDIA IPMD (formerly PMSC) has been the subject matter expert working in coordination with Standards Developers throughout the history of the EVMS Standard. The EVMS standard was originally accredited through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). As part of the accreditation process and with the initial release of the document, ANSI created a document number (ANSI/EIA-748-1998) for the standard. Over the course of the periodic reaffirmation (required of any standard) the document number morphed, to drop both the ANSI and year reference. The evolution of the naming has been:

- ANSI/EIA-748-1998 - Initial release approved May 1998
- ANSI/EIA-748-A-1998 - Reaffirmed August 2002
- EIA-748-B - Approved July 2007
- EIA-748-C - Approved March 2013

By all indications, the nomenclature of using “ANSI” in the title of EIA 748 grew out of a cultural norm that has been perpetuated in the written representation of Industry and Government artifacts. The IPMD asks for your help in promoting the proper referencing of the EVMS Standard going forward. In the future please use the nomenclature, EIA-748 Earned Value Management System (EVMS) Standard.

Respectfully,

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