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ECIA Member Newsletter

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World Standards Week



Each year standards organizations and standards professionals celebrate World Standards Day to acknowledge the role of voluntary standards in commerce and the many industry and government volunteers who help create them.

This year, the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) will sponsor a full week of meetings, forums and symposia, culminating in the US Celebration of World Standards Day on November 7.

ECIA supports a robust standards program which produces standards for the domestic and international markets. Many ECIA member companies participate in 13 ECIA-managed US Technical Advisory Groups to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and 13 US domestic Standards Committees.

Serving on a [standards committee](#) is an excellent way to get your voice heard, particularly in areas of cutting technology. The 36-country Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) estimates standards and trade regulations affect over eighty percent of world trade and commerce.

For more information about the ECIA standards program, please contact [Ed Mikoski](#) Vice President of Standards and Technology.

The Channel Channel Podcast Series Continues

Digi-Key's Dave Doherty Discusses the Value of Industry Involvement

In the second episode of the podcast series, Bill congratulates Dave Doherty on his ECIA North Star Award for leadership and service to the association. Dave shares his excitement over a recent personal event, his favorite word, his background and his journey to Thief River Falls. This thoughtful conversation

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Upcoming Events

Thursday Nov 07

- [Compliance Trends](#)

Thursday Nov 21

- [IBM Blockchain Solution Platforms](#)

Wednesday, Dec 11

- [Value of Distribution Webinar](#)

Weekly Economic Trends National Association of Manufacturers

By special agreement ECIA is pleased to present with NAM's Chief Economist Chad Moutray's weekly analysis of key U.S. government economic data and manufacturing industry trends in the [NAM November 4 Economic Report](#).



touches a number of topics sure to resonate with many of those who love the components industry.

Get to know one of the industry's leaders on a more personal level. To subscribe to 'The Channel Channel,' [click here](#).

GIPC Meets in Chicago

Directly following the ECIA Executive Conference, the [GIPC](#) (Global Industry Practices Council) met to review 2019 and map out direction for 2020. One key initiative is to improve overall communication of Committee work.

Areas of Committee involvement:

- In response to recent announcements on tariff exclusions from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the GIPC is working on a brief guidance document to assist member companies on navigating the exclusion process.
- The GIPC will begin exploring Free Trade Zone (FTZ) warehousing. The Committee will determine the scope of the project and begin the recruitment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to participate in a working group scheduled to start in Q1, 2020. Please contact [Don Elario](#) or more information.
- The Committee wants to improve their ability to react timely, as well as anticipate industry issues with the ECIA Board and Councils. Teri Ivaniszyn, VP Operational Excellence, Digi-Key Electronics and current Chairperson of the GIPC, along with other members of the committee are working on ways to streamline the process and improve overall project management.

Consider adding your voice or suggesting a team member that would benefit from the interaction. Contact [Don Elario](#) for an opportunity to influence and make a difference in your industry.

ECIA Explores IBM Blockchain Solutions on Upcoming Webinar

Thursday, November 21 at 11:00 EST

ECIA in partnership with IBM has scheduled a webinar on two Blockchain solutions, [TradeLens](#) and [Trust Your Supplier](#). These solutions are designed to address the specific challenges of the high tech and manufacturing industries.

TradeLens is an open and neutral industry platform underpinned by Blockchain technology, supported by major industry players. It offers a digital platform that empowers businesses and authorities along the supply chain with a single, secure source of shipping data, enabling more efficient global trade.



The second solution to be reviewed is Trust Your Supplier (TYS). This blockchain simplifies and accelerates Supplier Onboarding and Lifecycle Management. TYS allows users to identify, verify, and maintain supplier information in a secure, decentralized network.

The webinar will outline benefits to buyers and suppliers. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 21 at 11:00 EST. [Register now](#) and invite others on your team to join this timely discussion.

Did You Know? Women in Electronics Offers Professional Development Opportunities



Are you looking to improve your relevancy and contributions to the electronics industry while expanding your network and gaining valued leadership support? Consider joining the [Women in Electronics \(WE\)](#)! A community of progressive women leaders at all stages of their careers, WE is dedicated to fostering the professional and personal leadership development of women in our fast-paced industry. ECIA is proud to support this important organization.

Members gain exclusive benefits to guide them on their journey to success, including:

- Valuable Leadership Training
- Event Access
- Mentorship
- Network Building
- Recommended Reading

Now is a great time to become a member. Make 2020 the year you invest in your future! If you have any questions about joining, please visit the [WE site](#) or contact [Debbie Conyers](#).