



# The US TAG

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The term **TAG** stands for “**Technical Action Group**”

It is a group of experts from businesses, Government, Financial Interests, Universities, & Research Laboratories from around the world that have a common interest in the betterment of a need or philosophy by establishing an international standard.

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The need to be involved or “**care**” is because the Group originates, refines, determines performance, acceptance, applicability, and heavily influences standards that are established to unify the behavior of the idea or in this case a “**product**” called **Photovoltaic’s**.

Within the US, the Photovoltaic Technical Action Group or TAG is assigned to the American National Standards Institute called **ANSI**, headquartered in Washington DC and New York City, who act as the official voice of the US interests within the International Electrotechnical Commission (**IEC**) which is part of the International Standards Organization (**ISO**) headquartered in Geneva Switzerland. In the case of Photovoltaic’s the TAG is part of an IEC Technical Committee number 82.(**TC 82**)

### What does being a member of the US TAG do for me or my company?

Joining the US TAG allows you to propose new items to be considered for standardization and play a role in the evolution of the standards. Furthermore it allows you to contribute to the technical accuracy and applicability of the standard.

### What are my Responsibilities?

Your responsibilities as a TAG member are to read and consider new proposals for standards. Read and provide improvements for standards in the process of achieving acceptance within the IEC TC 82 and eventually the world community.

### What is the Cost to be a member?

At present, the cost of joining the US TAG is **\$295.00** participation dues that are paid to ANSI as part of their operating cost. (Unlike other countries, the US Standards organizations are funded through the collection of dues and are not directly supported by the Government.)

### How do I join the US TAG?

You may join the US TAG by contacting either one or both of the following people, and expressing your interest with a short description of your expertise and providing your official contact and billing information. George, and I will inform Mr. Kevin Sullivan of ANSI to send you a \$295.00 invoice. Upon payment of the invoice you will receive a user name and a temporary password to be able to use any of the website materials.

Our contact information is:

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Both of us will be happy to assist you.