



Language Services and Products

Subcommittee F43.04 Language Testing

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- Subcommittee F15.64 – Foreign Language Proficiency
- Began in February, 2009
- Over 70 participants representing more than 30 organizations: producers, users, and general interest
- F2889-11 published in July, 2011



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- F2889-11 Standard Practice for Assessing Language Proficiency
 - Purpose— Best practices for the development and use of tests for assessing language proficiency according to ILR scale.
 - Modalities – Speaking, listening, reading, and writing
 - Limitations—Does not address testing and test development in the specialized areas of: Translation, Interpretation, Audio Translation, Transcription, Performance tests, or Diagnostic Assessment



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- First New Standard From ASTM Committee F43 on Language Services and Products
- Expands the testing capacity of the United States by leveraging commercial and existing government test development and delivery capability through standardization of these processes
- Intended to be used by contract officers, program managers, supervisors, managers, and commanders.
- Intended to serve the language test developer, test provider, and language test user communities in their ability to provide useful, timely, reliable, and reproducible tests of language proficiency for general communication purposes.



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- Development of New Standards
 - Standard Terminology for Language Testing
 - Translation Testing
 - Interpretation Testing
 - Diagnostic Assessment
 - Formative Assessment
 - Performance Testing