ASB Interest Categories

User/Government (Federal, State, or Local)
This category includes all government employees, at all levels.

User/Industry
Private sector industries, companies, groups, and/or professionals impacted by the standards; including industry laboratories and testing facilities such as product testing laboratories or developmental testing facilities not covered under Laboratories and/or Testing Facilities. Included in this category are professionals such as those in medical and dental offices which are impacted due to the need to provide data in support of forensic work undertaken in conformance with the standard(s) developed by the consensus body.

Producers
Industries or companies that design, manufacture, or otherwise produce products impacted by the standards activity.

Laboratories and/or Testing Facilities
Laboratories and other testing facilities that do forensic-related analyses especially those that perform analyses at the request of law enforcement or government; excludes government and industry laboratories and testing facilities.

Consumer Groups
Groups, individuals, and organizations representing consumer interests including safety, health, and environment. ‘Consumer’ may also be interpreted to include any party in judicial proceedings that may include forensic evidence.

Academia
Accredited institutions of learning, especially those with curricula or programs relating to forensic sciences.

Subject Matter Experts
Subject matter specialists or specialists from discipline, specific organizations shall have qualifications based on the completion of an educational and training program commensurate with current nationally recognized standards for the specific discipline, if available. Note that this is a self-selected interest category and applying to or participation on the Consensus Body in this interest category does not in any way imply AAFS or ASB endorsement of you as a subject matter expert.

General Interest
Note that this category may include legal staff, judges, and lawyers – among others.