
This edition of the QMS newsletter contains important news on the User Survey and ISO's long term strategic planning for ISO 9001. Additionally, there is news of two more of SMMT's popular 'Open Forum' events. Both of these free of charge events will be held in March and both will be at a Midlands venue.

As always, please contact me, Steve Elvin, via e-mail: selvin@smmt.co.uk, to learn more about any topic covered or to join SMMT's Quality Panel meetings, where these items are discussed in detail. The next meeting takes place on 7 July at SMMT Industry Forum, Birmingham.

ISO 9001 USER SURVEY RESPONSE DEADLINE CLOSES 28 FEBRUARY

Make an impact on the global quality management system standards ISO 9001 and ISO/TS 16949

Just go to the following URL:

<http://www.iso.org/tc176/sc2/ISO9000UserSurvey>

ISO/TC176/SC2, the committee responsible for ISO 9001, has decided to conduct a user survey and the deadline for responses is 28 February. This is to get as many responses as possible as an input into their long term strategic plan which will decide if and how ISO 9001 should be revised in the future.

This provides UK automotive with an excellent opportunity to have an even bigger voice in the future of ISO 9001 and consequently the future of ISO/TS 16949.

If you have not been able to complete the survey yet please take full advantage of this extension and complete the survey this month and encourage your colleagues and contacts to do the same.

Analysis of the 4142 responses received world-wide (from all sectors) between 15 October and 6 December shows 327 were from all sectors in the UK, not just automotive. 31% of the 4142 responses were from 'hardware', the biggest component in 'hardware' is 'manufacturing' and the biggest component in 'manufacturing' is automotive (we don't know the actual figures at this stage).

The total number of responses received world-wide (from all sectors) by 31 January has increased to 8537, so the rate of responses received remains high. ISO hope to receive 10000 responses by the close of survey. Please do your best to make as many as possible of those remaining responses come from UK automotive. If each of you makes a point of notifying 5 contacts about the survey and each of those contacts does the same we can make a big difference.

ISO/TC176/SC2 – Long Term Strategic Plan

A long term strategic plan, which will include determining the future of ISO 9001, will be prepared by mid 2011 by the SC2 Strategic Planning Force. (J Bransky of the IATF, the body responsible for ISO/TS 16949, is a member)

Inputs to the Long Term Strategic Plan will include:

- The User Survey Report (to be completed end of May)
- The Future Concepts Paper (to be completed end of February)

Note 1: Should there be a revision to ISO 9001 it would not be until 2015/2016

Note 2: The Quality Management Principles are being reviewed (to be completed by October 2011 for ballot by the members of ISO/TC/176/SC2)

SMMT OPEN FORUM EVENTS - MARCH 2011

These popular, free of charge events provide a mixture of presentations, panel discussions and networking on topics of direct interest to UK automotive manufacturing. A buffet lunch is provided.

15 MARCH – SMMT OPEN FORUM: Vehicle Manufacturers' View

This event is being held at the Warwick Manufacturing Group Auditorium, University of Warwick.

The programme looks at manufacturing of both volume vehicles and electric vehicles.

Richard Parry Jones and his team will provide an update on the work of the Automotive Council, Technology Group and Supply Chain Group (including an introduction to the Sourcing Roadmap report by Dr Matthias Holweg) followed by a Panel discussion.

There will be presentations by Nick Fell of Tata Motors on low volume electric vehicles, by Nick Spencer of BMW on requirements for suppliers, Colin Lawther of Nissan on electric vehicle and battery manufacturing, Feisal O'Neill of Jaguar Land Rover on the supplier's role in their design and development new techniques and Ian Henry of AutoAnalysis on manufacturing outlook. These presenters will then hold a Panel discussion

Finally there will be a buffet lunch and networking. To learn more or to register for this free of charge event please contact Claire Balch, cbalch@smmt.co.uk.

30 MARCH - SMMT OPEN FORUM: Manufacturing of commercial vehicles including buses and coaches, trailers and components

This event is being held at the Volvo Auditorium, Warwick.

Presentations will include Kevin Smyth of Volvo and Lars Holmqvist of CLEPA on supply chain issues, Neville Jackson of the Automotive Council Technology Group on the 'Commercial & Off-road Vehicle Roadmap', Peter Symonds on overall manufacturing outlook and Ian Henry of AutoAnalysis on light van manufacturing outlook. These presenters will then hold a Panel discussion.

Again, there will be a buffet lunch and networking. To learn more or to register for this free of charge event please contact Claire Balch, cbalch@smmt.co.uk.