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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard provides guidance when implementing the requirements of an energy management system (EnMS) based on ISO 50001 and guides the organization to take a systematic approach in order to achieve continual improvement in energy management and energy performance. This International Standard is not prescriptive and each organization determines how to best approach meeting the requirements of ISO 50001.

This International Standard provides guidance to users with varying levels of energy management and EnMS experience, including those:

- with little or no experience of energy management or management system standards;
- undertaking energy efficiency projects but with little or no EnMS experience;
- having an EnMS in place, not necessarily based on ISO 50001;
- having experience with ISO 50001 and looking for additional ideas or suggestions for improvement.

Energy management will be sustainable and most effective when it is integrated with an organization's overall business processes (e.g. operations, finance, quality, maintenance, human resources, procurement, health and safety and environmental).

ISO 50001 can be integrated with other management system standards, such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and OHSAS 18001. Integration can have a positive effect on business culture, business practice, embedding energy management into daily practice, operational efficiency and the operating cost of the management system.

The examples and approaches presented in this International Standard are for illustrative purposes. They are neither intended to represent the only possibilities, nor are they necessarily suitable for every organization. In implementing, maintaining or improving an EnMS, it is important that organizations select approaches appropriate to their own circumstances.

This International Standard includes practical help boxes designed to provide the user with ideas, examples and strategies for implementing an EnMS.

Ongoing commitment and engagement by top management is essential to the effective implementation, maintenance and improvement of the EnMS, in order to achieve the benefits in energy performance improvement. Top management demonstrates its commitment through leadership actions and active involvement in the EnMS, ensuring ongoing allocation of resources, including people to implement and sustain the EnMS over time.