

Job title	<i>Director, Technical and Standards</i>
Reports to	<i>Executive Vice President & General Counsel</i>

Job purpose

This position provides tire engineering, standards and regulatory expertise, committee/issue/project management and engagement with regulators, standards-setting organizations and other partners in support of the Association's tire performance and safety policy function.

Duties and responsibilities

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Staff the Association's Tire Engineering Committee, comprised of member company representatives, which meets on a biweekly basis. The Tire Engineering Committee mission is to develop technical-based recommendations for review by the Tire Policy Committee on new or proposed updates to existing government-sponsored national, regional and global tire regulations.
- Lead and manage key Tire Engineering Committee projects, including the USTMA annual import tire testing program, winter tire testing projects, tire abrasion testing and other projects as needed.
- Lead and/or support other key initiatives and working groups of the Association's Tire Policy Committee on topics such as tire efficiency, tire abrasion, tire information and other topics as needed.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other USTMA teams on cross-cutting issues involving tire performance and safety, tire materials, sustainability, scrap tire management and other public policy issues.
- Participate in standards development bodies on the development and revision of tire-specific consensus standards, including ASTM International, ISO, SAE and TRA.
- Support USTMA policy development and advocacy on issues related to technical barriers to trade (TBT) involving regulations in other countries for tire performance standards, testing, certification and compliance demonstration.
- Provide regular updates to the Tire Policy Committee on relevant workstreams, public policy developments and industry activities.
- Coordinate with global partners in other regional trade associations (e.g., ETRTO, JATMA, TRAC, etc.)
- Coordination with governmental agencies in the U.S., Canada and UNECE on tire technical regulations.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in engineering from an accredited college or university required.
- Minimum 15 years relevant work experience in a tire manufacturing company, tire testing firm, governmental agency or other related field required.
- Familiarity with tire technical regulations in the U.S., Canada and UNECE preferred.
- Understanding of and facility with tire standards (TRA, ETRTO, JATMA) preferred.
- Experience with tire-related industry consensus standards (ASTM International, ISO, SAE, TRA) a plus.
- Excellent computer skills required, including Microsoft Office applications. Expert-level Excel skills required.

- Expertise and experience in graphically communicating datasets and analyses for a variety of audiences, including USTMA colleagues, member company technical-, policy- and management-level committees, standard-setting organizations, public policy experts, government officials and other constituencies as needed.
- Strong organizational skills; ability to take initiative and work accurately and efficiently in a fast-paced environment.
- Aptitude for working independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Highly professional demeanor; friendly, positive outlook. Commitment to teamwork, highest ethical standards and USTMA values of trust, collaboration, passion, and respect.

Working conditions

- All applicants must have the ability and appropriate technology set-up to work remotely. The USTMA Washington, DC office maintains a hybrid work schedule, with two days a week onsite and the rest remote work.
- Depending on candidate qualifications, this position may be remote. However, a successful candidate must be able to travel to USTMA offices in Washington, DC on a monthly basis (depending on other travel commitments) and/or as needed for collaboration with other USTMA team members.
- This position requires regular travel – potentially 2-3 times per month, depending on external meeting schedules.
- Professional and neat appearance required.