



FOLLOW-UP - 2

Public Inquiry # - PI1602605

G-PMC-GROUP, LLC

To: CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
IN CARE, OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL- GEORGE JEPSON

RE: CONNSTEP-ENGAGED IN ALLEGED BUSINESS DEFAMATION

ATTENTION: Ann-Marie DeGraffenreidt

Crony Capitalism:

Is a term describing an economy in which success in business depends on close relationships between business people and government officials. It may be exhibited by favoritism in the distribution of legal permits, government funding, federal grants, special tax breaks, or other forms of state interventionism.

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CONNSTEP-REVEALED

ANSI-ASQ are a 50-50 ownership (ANAB)

ANSI (American National Standards Organization)

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ASQ (American Society for Quality)

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ANSI-ASQ national accreditation board (ANAB®)



ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board to Move to Single ANAB Brand

ANSI-ASQ national accreditation board (ANAB®)

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FQS (FORENSIC TESTING ISO/IEC LABS)

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ACCLASS (LABORATORIES)

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ANSI-ASQ- NATIONAL ACREDITATION BOARD (ANAB®)

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board to Replace ANSI-RAB NAP

https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=978bc4f5-d474-468f-8395-4d6881c98f4b

ANAB-<http://anab.org/news/latest-news/ansi-asq-national-accreditation-board-to-move-to-single-anab-brand/>)



AClass (ANAB) Gains Recognition by NIST as Laboratory Accreditation

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS TECHNOLOGY US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~CERTIFIES~

AClass (LABORATORIES) = ANAB®

(Body https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=7694831b-2637-4466-a4af-f09a1538903b)

<http://anab.org/news/latest-news/ansi-and-aclass-offer-joint-assessments/>



CONNSTEP Named Connecticut's Manufacturing Extension -Partnership Center



<http://www.connstep.org/media/connstep-named-connecticuts-manufacturing-extension-partnership-center/#sthash.zv3zBVfk.dpuf>

NIST Awards \$26 Million to Support Manufacturing in 10 States

<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2015/02/nist-awards-26-million-support-manufacturing-10-states>



CONNSTEP BUSINESS CARD



NIST to Host Free Conformity Assessment Workshop

<http://anab.org/news/latest-news/nist-to-host-free-conformity-assessment-workshop/>

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CONNSTEP LETTER TO MY CUSTOMER

From: Robert Colapietro <rcolapietro@connstep.org>

Date: November 3, 2016 at 8:52:07 AM EDT

To: jcarbone@theplasticfactoryct.co

Subject: Registrar question . . .

Hi Joe,

In looking at your web site, I noticed your various ISO certifications and the registrar that you are using. Are you aware that this registrar is not an accredited certification body?

In other words, G-PMC is not approved by ANAB to certify companies to the standard.

The impact of this is that the certification may not be recognized by other companies who know what to look for, particularly world-wide.

That doesn't necessarily mean that you have a bad QMS, just that it wasn't checked by an accredited source. Kind of like getting your law degree from Columbia (the country, not the college!)

I would be concerned about this if you are going after Sikorsky as a client; they may question this...

Bob

Robert E Colapietro

Business Growth Advisor

CONNSTEP, Inc.

1090 Elm Street Suite 202

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

<http://www.connstep.org> Email: rcolapietro@connstep.org



Disparaging comments by CONNSTEP employee a representative of this organization both State & Federally funded.

Official CONNSTEP statement by - Robert Colapietro:

“Are you aware that this registrar [G-PMC] is not an accredited certification body”?

“In other words, G-PMC is not approved by ANAB to certify companies to the standard”.

“That doesn't necessarily mean that you have a bad QMS, just that it wasn't checked by an accredited source”.

“Kind of like getting your law degree from Columbia (the country, not the college!)”



ROOT CAUSE OF DISPARAGING COMMENTS

1. CONNSTEP's unwritten policy about only recommending ANSI-ASQ national accreditation board (ANAB) registrars
2. NIST accredited ANAB for laboratory certification
3. NIST-MEP is part of CONNSTEP
4. NIST-MEP funds CONNSTEP
5. Because of CONNSTEP's NIST-MEP affiliation and in turn NIST intimate affiliation with ANAB- This is the reason Mr. Calipetro through the fabric of CONNSTEP disparaged G-PMC-GROUP, LLC. Using federal and state funding to hurt my business.
6. Crony Capitalism- CONNSTEP - ANAB - IAAC - MEP - NIST



George Jepson NAAG

<http://www.naag.org/naag/attorneys-general/whos-my-ag/connecticut/george-jepsen.php>



HDSSC Other Resources - American National Standards Institute

https://www.ansi.org/search_results.aspx?menuid=search_results&cx=016411134356970301196:ufdyk3moz48&cof=FORID:11&q=NAAG&sa=Search

ANSI Homeland Security Standards Panel

https://www.ansi.org/standards_activities/standards_boards_panels/hssp/other_res.aspx



ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board to Replace ANSI-RAB NAP- (ANAB)

https://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=978bc4f5-d474-468f-8395-4d6881c98f4b

SEE IAF-ILAC (NIST/ANSI-RAB NAP)- 2003

NIST & ANAB – 2006



Re: ANSI-RAB NAP to become ANAB

http://tuvamerica.com/hotnews/TUV_ANAB_announcement.pdf



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Obfuscate – to intentionally make unclear or confusing.

FINANCIALS (QUALITY)

<p>\$ 51,885,783</p>	<p>\$ 45,275,358</p>	<p>\$97,161,141</p>	<p>\$913,077</p>
		<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$98,074,218</p>



ASQ TAX

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Form **990**



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public. By law, the IRS generally cannot redact the information on the form.
- ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2013, 2013, and ending 12-31-2013

- Check if applicable
- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR QUALITY

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
600 N PLANKINTON AVENUE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

D Employer identification number
39-0912502

E Telephone number
(414) 272-8575

G Gross receipts \$ 45,627,358

F Name and address of principal officer
WILLIAM J TROY
600 N PLANKINTON AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW ASQ ORG

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1946 | **M State of legal domicile** WI

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE	
Doing business as	
Number and street (or P O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite
25 WEST 43RD STREET 4TH FLOOR	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10036	

D Employer identification number 13-1635253
E Telephone number (212) 642-4900
G Gross receipts \$ 51,885,783

F Name and address of principal officer
SARANJIT BHATIA
25 WEST 43RD STREET 4TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10036

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW ANSI ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1918

M State of legal domicile NY

Part I Summary

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Form **990**



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
- ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

OMB No 1545-0047

2014

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014 , and ending 12-31-2014

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM INC	
Doing business as	
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite
600 NORTH PLANKINTON AVENUE NO 300	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MILWAUKEE, WI 532010586	

D Employer identification number

39-1952160

E Telephone number

(414) 272-3937

G Gross receipts \$ 913,077

F Name and address of principal officer
RANDY A DOUGHERTY
600 NORTH PLANKINTON AVENUE NO 300
MILWAUKEE, WI 532010586

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ IAF NU



FINANCIALS (CONNSTEP & NIST)

OVERALL 2015- CONNSTEP		
\$4, 282,465	25% NIST-MEP	= \$1,070,616
	STATE OF CT	=\$500,000
-\$2,778,386 (64.85%) (EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION)		
\$1,504,079-Goes to CT businesses		
2012 ANNUAL NIST-MEP REPORT		
\$100,000,000 (64.85% salaries)		
\$64,850,000- management& employees		
\$35,150,000/ 52 states= \$675,962 (Goes to Businesses)		



NONPROFIT PROFILE

Connstep Inc.

1090 Elm St., Rocky Hill | www.connstep.org

MISSION

To help CT manufacturers apply advanced manufacturing and management techniques.

TOP EXECUTIVE

Bonnie Del Conte, President

SERVICES

Manufacturing consulting.

FY 2015 SUMMARY

	2014	2015
Total Employees	27	31
Total Assets	\$3,063,030	\$3,114,075
Total Liabilities	\$1,348,325	\$1,148,065

REVENUES

Contributions & Grants	\$2,069,371	\$2,760,973
Program Service Revenue	\$1,732,500	\$1,518,564
Investment Income	\$3,330	\$2,928
Other	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$3,805,209	\$4,282,465

EXPENSES

Grants	\$0	\$0
Member Benefits	\$0	\$0
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$2,426,430	\$2,778,386
Fundraising Fees	\$0	\$0
Other	\$1,253,401	\$1,252,879
TOTAL	\$3,749,831	\$4,031,265
MARGIN	\$55,378	\$251,200

TOP PAID EXECUTIVES (FY 2015)

	Base Salary	Total Compensation & Benefits
Bonnie Del Conte, President	\$190,572	\$220,635
Matin Karbassioon, Business Growth Consultant	\$113,056	\$127,301
William Caplan, Business Growth Consultant	\$112,301	\$125,333

SOURCE: SUBMITTER IRS 990 TAX FORM



How CONNSTEP, as federally-funded manufacturing assistance and consultancy firm affiliated with the state of Connecticut is allowed to utilize tax dollars to unfairly and unethically dominate a marketplace by harming the reputation and financial stability of its competitors is unconscionable.

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