The Hawai‘i International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-39) will be held at the Hyatt Regency near Poipu Beach, Kaua‘i. For a third time, the conference will feature a minitrack on “Standards and Standardization.”

SAMPLE TOPICS
This minitrack will focus on the organizational and societal impacts of I.T. standardization, both between and within organizations. Possible topics include:

1. the creation, adoption, competition and impacts of interorganizational standards
2. vertical industry standards, to promote coordination within a specific industry sector
3. internal standardization, either of purchased or internally produced systems.

This is an interdisciplinary minitrack, and we welcome authors considering standards and standardization from a technical, behavioral, sociological or economic perspective.

STANDARDS AND OPEN SOURCE
With the “Open Source Software Development” minitrack, this minitrack is also cosponsoring a session on “Standards and Open Source.” Among other topics, papers could examine the role of IP in rent-seeking, the relationship of open source implementations and formal standardization, and the role of open source implementations as de facto standards.

KEY DATES
- June 15, 2005: Completed manuscript submitted through the HICSS online system
- August 15, 2005: Minitrack chairs send notices of accepted manuscripts to authors
- September 15, 2005: Deadline for final manuscript and conference registration
- January 5-7, 2006: HICSS-39 conference sessions

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You can find the detailed call for papers — as well as examples of papers from previous standards minitracks — at the minitrack and conference websites: http://www.cob.sjsu.edu/west_j/HICSS/ and http://www.hicss.hawaii.edu/