



**National Society of
Professional Engineers®**



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The American Institute of Constructors
And
The National Society of Professional Engineers**

The American Institute of Constructors (AIC) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter known as MOU) to cooperate in a mutually beneficial manner to promote certification among licensed engineers, engineering technicians and non-licensed support personnel in the construction industry. Further, we agree to collaborate in endeavors that will build and enhance a relationship between our organizations.

SCOPE

AIC is incorporated as a 501c(6) non-profit organization established to help individual construction practitioners achieve professional status, i.e. the designations of Associate Constructor (AC) and Certified Professional Constructor (CPC). AIC has been qualifying the constructor through examination of experience and education since its inception in 1971. In 1994, the AIC Constructor Certification Commission was organized under the auspices of the AIC to expand the qualifying process with a written examination, to serve as the national qualifying body of professional constructors and to offer an internationally recognized certification process to AIC members and nonmembers alike. The certification process is peer developed with the goal of setting high standards for the skills, knowledge, education and conduct of the Certified Constructor. **AIC** establishes high standards of ethics and competence for the professional; recognizes the professionalism of individual constructors; promotes the study and advancement of the practice of construction related fields, and facilitates the exchange of information and ideas within the profession.

NSPE is incorporated as a 501c(6) non-profit association. NSPE is the only engineering society that represents individual engineering professionals and licensed engineers (PEs) across all disciplines. Founded in 1934, NSPE strengthens the engineering profession by promoting engineering licensure and ethics, enhancing the image of the engineer, advocating and protecting the legal rights of the PE at the national and state levels through legislation, providing leadership development, publishing news of the profession, and providing continuing education opportunities. NSPE serves 55,000 members and the public through 53 state and territorial societies and more than 500 chapters.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

The goal of the AIC/NSPE partnership is to promote and support continuing and ongoing education and professional development for individual construction practitioners leading to professional designation as an Associate Constructor (AC) and/or a Certified Professional Constructor (CPC).

NOTIFICATION

AIC and NSPE will issue a joint communiqué to sponsoring firms, relevant companies and members of both organizations explaining the MOU and soliciting their feedback and support.

AIC AND NSPE PARTNERSHIP

- AIC and NSPE will seek ways to collaborate on an ongoing basis to further the missions of AIC and NSPE, which are complementary;
- AIC will provide representation at the NSPE Annual Convention & Expo as an exhibitor, when possible, and will provide AIC informational materials to participants; NSPE will provide representation at the AIC National Convention as an exhibitor, when possible, and will provide NSPE informational materials to participants.
- AIC will cooperate with NSPE in supporting the promotion of professional licensure and the ethical practice of engineering by providing a link from the AIC Web site to the NSPE Web site;
- NSPE will cooperate with AIC in promoting and supporting the ethical practice of management of construction through professional certification by providing a link to the AIC Web site from the NSPE Web site;
- AIC and NSPE will identify potential partnerships and contact people to enhance the collaboration; and
- AIC and NSPE will endorse and link each other's program via their web site by using the AIC and NSPE insignias and providing contact information.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

As partners, AIC and NSPE will pursue opportunities in the best interest of each organization.

CONDITIONS

The undersigned agree that:

1. This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between AIC and NSPE and supersedes any prior understanding or agreement between AIC and NSPE with respect to the subject matter hereof;
2. This agreement can be modified only by a written document executed by AIC and NSPE;
3. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obliging AIC or NSPE to specific expenditures or to any programmatic obligation or payment of money beyond that set forth in this agreement;
4. This agreement does not obligate AIC or NSPE members beyond their current obligations to participate in AIC or NSPE Programs, but encourages all avenues of professional development;
5. In carrying out the conditions of this agreement, there will be no discrimination against any party because of race, creed, gender, ethnic origin, citizenship, or ability;
6. The copyright policy of each organization shall be respected;
7. The intellectual property of each organization may not be published by the other organization without first obtaining written permission;
8. The independence or autonomy of either party shall not be inhibited and neither shall be responsible for the actions of the other;
9. This agreement shall continue on an on-going basis. Both AIC and NSPE will debrief on an annual basis in order to re-evaluate and revise provisions of this MOU and associated programs to ensure growth, sustainability, and maintenance of quality of both organizations within this partnership. Either organization can terminate the MOU with 60 days written notice to the other.

MODIFICATION

The terms of this agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement.

Steven C. DeSalvo, AIC, CPC
Steven DeSalvo, AIC, CPC, President
American Institute of Constructors

7/13/03
Date

Howard N. Blitman PE
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Executed this 13th day of July, 2003

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