



Memorandum of Understanding

ASHRAE and National Association of State Energy Officials

Founded in 1894, ASHRAE, Atlanta, Georgia, advances the arts and sciences of heating ventilating, air-conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world.

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) is the only national non-profit organization whose membership includes the governor-designated energy officials from each state and territory. NASEO was formed by the states and through an agreement with the National Governors Association in 1986. The organization was created to improve the effectiveness and quality of state energy programs and policies, provide policy input and analysis, share successes among the states, and to be a repository of information on issues of particular concern to the states and their citizens. NASEO is an instrumentality of the states.

ASHRAE and NASEO agree to support the Memorandum of Understanding to advance and promote the mutual interests of our respective members. We are committed to working together on the following activities and goals:

CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP COMMUNICATION

Recognizing the importance of communication in organizational collaboration, both organizations commit to hold a liaison meeting annually (either in person or via conference call) of designated ASHRAE/NASEO senior representatives to:

- ensure ongoing advancement of collaborative projects;
- keep each respective organization informed of major initiatives; and
- discuss new opportunities for collaboration.

ASHRAE/NASEO shall take responsibility for initiating the first annual liaison meeting. Action items with assigned responsibilities shall be recorded at each meeting. The parties responsible for ensuring this MOU is actively pursued through the term of the agreement are:

For ASHRAE:

Mark Wills
Manager, State and Local Government Affairs

For NASEO:

David Terry
Executive Director

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Each organization agrees to provide the other with a meeting invitation to the primary annual meeting.

ASHRAE and NASEO agree to explore opportunities to provide speakers at the other organization's meetings to help provide updates and perspectives on technologies and trends of mutual interest.

Where mutually beneficial, each organization shall help publicize the other organization's meetings and promote attendance.

ADVOCACY

Where mutually beneficial and to the extent allowed by laws and corporate policies, ASHRAE and NASEO agree to work together on common public affairs goals. During annual liaison meetings, public affairs strategies will be discussed and common goals identified. Collaborative opportunities to be considered include:

- joint promotion of state energy codes and standards;
- promoting mutually beneficial positions during the development and passage of state and federal legislation; and
- education of legislators and regulators on issues important to the members of each organization.

PUBLICATIONS

Recognizing that electronic and print publications are a primary means of disseminating new technologies, trends and practices, ASHRAE and NASEO agree to:

- explore opportunities to jointly produce publications of mutual benefit;
- cross-market each organization's publications where appropriate and with industry standard distributor discounts; and
- use periodicals to promote the other organization's events, publications and other activities.

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION

ASHRAE and NASEO agree to foster technical cooperation in areas of common interest by:

- encouraging members in each organization to participate on technical committees and task forces;
- providing opportunities to participate in and comment on proposed standards, guidelines, policies, and position statements developed on technical subjects as they relate to buildings and community developments; and
- establishing liaison representatives to key technical committees where mutually beneficial to do so.

RESEARCH

Recognizing the importance research plays in accelerating the transformation to a more sustainable built environment, ASHRAE and NASEO agree to:

- promote research in areas where research results will add to the body of knowledge in building energy codes, standards, compliance, etc.;
- disseminate research results quickly, focusing on high-impact findings; and
- identify opportunities for research funding from other sources.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

The administrative contacts for actions tied to this MOU shall be:

For ASHRAE:

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TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU, with or without stated cause, upon providing the other party with thirty (30) days written notice of intent to terminate.

TERM

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall begin when signed by both parties and shall terminate at the end of three (3) years unless extended at that time by written agreement.

LEGAL STANDING

This MOU reflects a commitment by ASHRAE and NASEO to continue and enhance their working relationship and individual efforts toward achieving mutual objectives described above. It does not create a binding obligation or agreement between the two organizations, and neither organization has an obligation to negotiate toward or enter into a binding written agreement. In addition, this MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, fiduciary relationship or similar relationship between ASHRAE and NASEO. Furthermore, it is understood that this Memorandum of Understanding is conceived as a dynamic document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant. It may be modified or amended by written agreement between both organizations.

FOR ASHRAE

Tom Watson/President

Printed Name/Title

Thomas E. Watson

Signature

January 29, 2013

Date

FOR NASEO

David Terry/Executive Director

Printed Name/Title

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Signature

1/29/2013

Date

Jeff Littleton/Executive Vice President

Printed Name/Title

J Littleton

Signature

1-29-2013

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Kate Marks/Managing Director

Printed Name/Title

K Marks

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