

GEORGIA FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION

BPI PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association maintains and each participant agrees to abide by the following policies regarding its Business Practices and Information Exchange programs:

1. Any information that is provided during the meeting shall be:

- Factual and business like
- Accurate
- Objective
- “First-hand” (not “rumors” and “hearsay” information)
- Responsive and pertinent to the request
- Current

Conversely, participants should refrain from observations which are

- Sarcastic
- Disparaging
- “Opinion”
- Rumor or hearsay
- Based upon subjective, personal feelings, impressions, animosities or other emotional reactions.

2. It is understood that each participant shall be free to consider, disregard, act or refuse to act on the basis of any information supplied during such information exchange and that any action taken on such information shall be in accordance with each participant’s own, independently formed judgment after appropriate investigations.

3. It is understood that in conducting this program, the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association is merely providing a forum for the exchange of information among members and invited guests. No exchange of such information or other business conducted in said meeting shall imply any recommendation on the part of the Association that any individual or collective action of any kind or nature should be taken or denied.

4. Participants should avoid the approach of “we” should do this or that. No participant shall suggest any course of action to any other participant or any third party in reliance upon information that is provided and no participant shall participate in any agreement, understanding or suggestion which tends to promote uniform action among the membership with respect to dealing with, refusing to deal with, or bidding any other person or firm.

5. No participant shall discuss or exchange information relating to their own prices, bids, credit policies, contract terms and conditions practices, or other matters which may tend to suggest adoption of such policies by other participants, members, or third parties, and the Chairman (or Presiding Officer) of the meeting is authorized to prevent any such discussion from occurring or proceeding.

6. By participating in such program, a participant shall not restrict or interfere with the exercise of free and independent judgment by other participants, members or third parties in the management of their respective companies.

7. No participants or member shall request, discuss or exchange information relating to another member of this Association and the Chairman of the meeting is authorized to prevent any such discussion from occurring or proceeding.

8. Each participant acknowledges and agrees that information acquired during the BPI program is confidential and shall be used only within the participants company in connection with its business decisions. No such information will be shared with non-members or non-participants.

I (we) have read and agree to abide by the above policy statement.

Company Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

Authorized Representative (s): (1) _____

(Print)

(Signature)

(2) _____

(Print)

(Signature)

(3) _____

(Print)

(Signature)