



Memorandum of Understanding

ASHRAE
And
Council of American Mechanical and Electrical Engineers

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 Council of American Mechanical and Electrical Engineers is a coalition of mechanical/electrical engineering firms within American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) providing business practice products and assessing industry trends to help its member firms improve management and profitability.

ASHRAE and CAMEE enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to advance and promote the mutual interests of their 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 holding a liaison meeting at least once a year (either in person or via conference call) of designated ASHRAE/CAMEE senior representatives to:

- Ensure ongoing advancement of collaborative projects.
- Keep each respective organization informed of major initiatives.
- Discuss new opportunities for collaboration.

ASHRAE/CAMEE shall take responsibility for initiating the first annual liaison meeting. Action items with assigned responsibilities shall be recorded at each meeting.

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EDUCATION

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

ASHRAE and CAMEE agree that members of either organization may attend ASHRAE-sponsored or CAMEE-sponsored educational sessions for the same fee as if a member of the other organization. These educational sessions include ACEC Fall Conferences and/or Annual Spring Meetings, which ASHRAE members may attend at the ACEC member rate during the life of this MOU. CAMEE members may also attend ASHRAE Society meetings at the ASHRAE member rate.

ASHRAE and CAMEE agree to explore opportunities to co-develop new courses or other training programs that take advantage of overlapping and complimentary expertise between ASHRAE and CAMEE, and cross-market appropriately.

CHAPTER COLLABORATION

ASHRAE and CAMEE agree to use their best efforts to coordinate promotion of joint grassroots meetings of respective members within the structure of the two organizations. Exchange of Chapter/Section leader contact information will be considered as one way to accomplish this objective.

ADVOCACY

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

- Joint promotion of legislative and regulatory measures of mutual interest including, when appropriate, codes and standards at the local, state and federal levels.
- Education of legislators 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 CAMEE agree to:

- Explore opportunities to jointly produce publications of mutual benefit.
- Cross-market ASHRAE and CAMEE publications where appropriate and provide links to each other's websites as appropriate and within the rules and policies of each organization.

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION

ASHRAE and CAMEE 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.
- 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 CAMEE agree to discuss:

- Research in areas where research results will add to the body of knowledge;
- Identify opportunities for research funding from other sources.

TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU, with or without stated cause, upon providing the other party with at least 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 CAMEE 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, agency, fiduciary relationship or similar relationship between ASHRAE and CAMEE. Furthermore, it is understood that this Memorandum of Understanding is conceived as a dynamic document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant. Requests for modifications or amendment to this MOU can be initiated by the Executive Committees of either ASHRAE or CAMEE. The MOU may then be modified or amended by written agreement between both organizations.

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