Exhibitor Guidelines, Information and Regulations

EXHIBITOR PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS

ACCESS CONTROL AND CREDENTIALING

Exhibitors accessing the MCEC – including exhibitors traveling to the MCEC, unloading exhibitor-related cargo and parking at the MCEC – must be credentialed by the MCEC Public Safety Department before entering the facility. Issued Exhibitor Credentials must be worn on the outermost garment (or on the right wrist if an ID band is issued) of the exhibitor (employees and contractors) at all times while inside the facility.

Exhibitors should check in with the General Service Contractor (GSC) Marshalling Lot Trailer, or go directly to the South Parking Lot if directed by the GSC or Licensee, before proceeding into the building at Southwest Badging. Upon request and as a requirement to be issued a MCCA ID, all employees and contractors working within an MCCA facility must identify themselves with a current and valid, government-issued photo identification (preferably a valid state-issued motor vehicle operator's license). Once positively identified by MCCA Public Safety, the exhibitor will be referred to the Licensee in order to register and receive event credentials.

ESCA identification badges are required for all General Service Contractors (GSC). Temporary MCCA credentials will not be issued to GSC employees and they will be turned away.

Lost/missing credentials must be reported to, and recorded by, MCCA Public Safety. The MCCA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to revoke credentials for violations of law, facility policies and procedures, and/or injuries against persons or property, and/or when the revocation of those credentials is in the best interests of the MCCA.

AFFFIXING TO THE FACILITY STRUCTURE

The MCCA does not allow exhibitors to:

- Rig cable/hanging devices or affix any materials to the ceiling, electrical buss ducts and conduits, sprinkler pipes, ventilation equipment, windows, columns or any other physical structure at the MCEC
- Cause or permit any nails, staples, hooks, tacks, screws, or the like to be driven into the facility structure (including, but not limited to, any wall, ceiling, column, stone, window, drape, painted, carpeted or concrete surfaces of the premises)
- Erect any decorations or use adhesive materials, including tape that can deface the walls, ceilings, floors, facilities and equipment contained on the premises
- Paint or permanently cover walls, floors, ceilings, or other areas of the facility or its furnishings or fixtures

BOOTH SET-UP AND DISMANTLE

The unpacking, assembling, dismantling and packing of displays and equipment may be done by full-time employees of an exhibiting company. Exhibitors are allowed to set-up and/or dismantle their own booths, provided that they use their own bona fide, full-time employees. It is acceptable for exhibitors to safely use power tools to set-up and/or dismantle their own booths.

No one under the age of 18 is permitted on the loading docks, in truck bays or in the loading dock yard. Additionally, no one under the age of 18 is permitted in the exhibit halls during move-in or move-out operations. The Licensee will determine age restrictions, if any, for hours when the exhibit hall is open for attendees.

BOOTH STAGING

1. In addition to equipment and furniture placed within a booth space, subject to show management limitations, exhibitors are allowed to stage the following items:

   a. Boxed or loose product, materials or literature

   b. Fiber cases used to ship pop-up displays

   c. Personal items such as luggage, purses, briefcases or coats

2. The following restrictions must be observed when staging these additional items:

   a. The amount of product, materials or literature that may be staged within a booth space must not exceed a one-day supply.

   b. Items may be placed either in a display case, on a counter, on a shelving unit, in a closet, on a table, under a table or stacked neatly within the booth space.

   c. Items that are stacked must not create a tripping hazard or hamper easy movement within the booth space.

   d. Items may not be placed on or within six inches of floor ports, electrical wiring or cabling.

   e. Pallets, empty crates, cartons and boxes may not be stored in the booth space.

   f. Staging will not be allowed behind the back wall of the booth and behind the drape within the booth or exhibit area.

CABLING

No cables (telephone, Internet, electrical, audio, video, etc.) should be run in front of any doorways at any time. If cables must cross a doorway, cables must be flown — cable trays are not an acceptable substitute.

CANDLES

Candles are not permitted.

CAUTION TAPE

Use of 'Caution Tape' is prohibited. Yellow or red plastic tape with black stripes, or printed with 'Caution,' 'Do Not Enter' or other warning messages may only be placed by the MCCA to warn individuals of a hazardous condition. The MCCA prohibits the use of yellow or red plastic tape to restrict access to an event or exhibit display. Rope and stanchion is available from the General Service Contractor.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

If cooking or heating appliances will be used, the MCCA prefers they are powered by electricity, use UL listed/approved equipment and be adequately ventilated.

An exhibitor may use butane for cooking purposes with prior approval of the MCCA Public Safety Department. Quantity inside the facility is limited to: two (2) 1-pound UL listed/approved non-refillable canisters per cooking device; one canister attached to the cooking device; and one spare canister. To prevent excessive amounts of butane within the facility, exhibitors may only use butane canisters purchased directly through the MCCA's exclusive food provider, Levy Restaurants.

Single-well cooking equipment (deep fryer type device) using combustible oils and solids shall:

1. Have lids available for immediate use
2. Be limited to 288 sq. in. (.19 sq. m) of cooking surface
3. Be placed in noncombustible surface materials
4. Be separated from each other by a minimum horizontal distance of 2 ft. (61 cm); multiple single-well cooking units may be placed together if the aggregate cooking surface does not exceed 288 sq. in. (.19 sq. m)
5. Be kept a minimum horizontal distance of 2 ft. (61 cm) from any combustible material

Exhibitor must provide a UL listed/approved fire extinguisher no less than 30 feet (9.15 meters) from the cooking device.

Exhibitor shall provide a 6 liter, Class K fire extinguisher for hazards where there is a potential for fires involving combustible cooking media (vegetable oils, animal oils or fats in cooking appliances) for each device.

Fire extinguishers must be mounted in a visible location and accessible at all times. All extinguishers shall be currently inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company.

Open flames, cooking or other sources of heat are prohibited under any tent, canopy or tarp.

EXCLUSIVE SERVICES

The MCCA will be the exclusive provider of the following services: food & beverage, electrical, business center, telephone, Internet, rigging, the operation of ground-supported crank-ups, the operation and provision of lifts for theatrical purposes, plumbing, the use of the house sound system, and the supply of compressed airs and gases.

The MCCA is the preferred provider of security booth coverage for exhibitors. If your event designates another security vendor for booth coverage, you may choose to order through the event's preferred provider as detailed in your exhibitor kit.

EXHIBITOR PRODUCT

Exhibitors are prohibited from offering or selling any product(s) to any employee, agent, contractor or subcontractor working at the MCCA.

At the conclusion of the event, all products must be either:

- Removed from MCCA facilities by the exhibitor;
- Properly disposed of;
- Donated to a previously identified nonprofit organization; or
- Sold to an established business, with sales receipts supplied and produced on demand.

Any MCCA employee, agent, contractor or subcontractor working in MCCA facilities who is determined to be removing and/or accepting event-related product(s) is subject to immediate termination of employment or prohibition from working at all MCCA facilities.

All persons, vehicles, bags, containers, etc. are subject to search.

FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS

Exhibits and decorative materials must meet the requirements of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations – 780 CMR EIGHT EDITION (Building Code). The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety (DPS) has jurisdiction over all safety matters of the MCCA. The DPS, in conjunction with the City of Boston Fire Department (BFD), provide guidance to the MCCA for a safe venue for all guests and employees at our facilities.

Prior to the show opening or at any time during the event, the MCCA Public Safety Department or other agency may inspect booths and other assembly areas to ensure these requirements are met. If they are not, adjustments can be costly – if a display is determined to be a hazard it may be ordered removed from the facility at the exhibitor's expense.

These requirements shall apply whether the event is open or closed to the public. The below topics are the minimum fire safety requirements for all events and are designed to provide an overview; the MCCA Public Safety Department reserves the right to make any final decision for life safety issues. Our sole effort is to ensure the success of your event and safeguard the safety and experience of all our visitors.

FIRE SAFETY LIMITATIONS

The following limitations apply to all exhibits located in the exhibition halls in the MCEC:

1. The following items are fire hazards and are prohibited for use in the MCEC:

   a. Compressed flammable gases. Exception: Butane for cooking purposes with prior approval of the MCCA Public Safety Department (see Cooking Demonstrations)

   b. Pyrotechnics, flammable/combustible liquids, hazardous chemicals/materials, blasting agents and explosives

   c. Cut Christmas trees, cut evergreens or similar trees

   d. Fireplace logs, charcoal and similar materials

   e. Untreated mulch and Spanish moss or similar vegetation

   f. Untreated hay or straw

2. Any interior finish, either permanent or temporary, will be required to meet the requirements of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations – 780 CMR EIGHT EDITION (Building Code).

3. The following rules apply regarding flame-retardant treatments:

   a. All curtains, drapes, banners, decorations and acoustical material (including but not limited to cotton, hay, paper, straw, moss, split bamboo and wood chips) must be flame-retardant treated to the satisfaction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. Material that cannot be treated for flame retardancy shall not be

used. The GSC or individual exhibitor must have on-site a copy of the Certificate of Flame Resistance for all floor covering, curtains and rigged signage. The use of carpet on walls, ceilings, seating products or as decorative material is prohibited.

b. Combustible materials, an inch or more in thickness, glass or asbestos cloth may be used without flame-retardant treatment.

c. The use of oilcloth, tarpaper, sisal paper, nylon, Orlon®, and certain other plastic materials that are not flame-retardant is prohibited.

4. Open flame devices may be permitted when they are a necessary part of the exhibit, with prior approval of the MCCA Public Safety Department. Devices must be isolated from attendees by either four (4) feet or a barrier; be placed on a non-combustible surface; be separated from other devices by five (5) horizontal feet; and have a 10 lb. ABC fire extinguisher present within the exhibit. Fire extinguishers must be mounted in a visible location and be accessible at all times. All extinguishers shall be currently inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company.

5. The hanging or rigging of signs, displays or banners, etc. shall not interfere with the building fire sprinkler system.

6. Exhibitors are prohibited from covering displays with drop cloths, sheets, table cloths or other non-flame resistant material.

7. Storage of combustible materials in meeting rooms, ballrooms or service corridors is prohibited.

8. Exhibitors shall move, remove or arrange with the General Service Contractor to remove wooden pallets, shipping crates, cardboard boxes and other packing materials from the exhibit hall area as soon as possible. These items are not permitted in the exhibit halls during events. See Booth Staging.

EXHIBIT HALL LIFE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Fire extinguishers are located on each of the support columns in the exhibit hall area and on the perimeter walls. All brackets are 40 inches (102 cm) from the floor. Support column fire extinguishers are primarily mounted on the northwest quadrant. Fire extinguishers on the support columns along the north end of Hall A, and those on the south side of the air walls, are mounted on the southwest quadrant. General Service Contractors (GSC) and exhibitors are required to maintain a minimum unobstructed path of no less than 48 inches (122 cm), 24 inches (61 cm) on center for fire extinguishers.

Fire extinguishers shall not be removed or temporarily relocated by any exhibitor, the Licensee or the GSC. The GSC is responsible for ensuring that egress paths, emergency exits, fire extinguishers, fire pull stations, fire department value boxes, fire alarm flashers and AEDs are not obstructed or obscured from view at any time in the facility. Anyone found responsible for moving, removing or blocking fire safety equipment is subject to a fine.

FLAME-RETARDANT TREATED MATERIALS

The following rules apply regarding flame-retardant treatments:

1. All decorations, drapes, signs, banners, acoustical materials, hay, straw, moss, split bamboo, plastic cloth, and similar decorative materials shall be flame-retardant to the satisfaction of the Boston Fire Department and State Fire Marshal.

2. Combustible materials, 3/8 inch or more in thickness, glass or asbestos cloth may be used without flame-retardant treatment.

3. The use of oilcloth, tarpaper, sisal paper, nylon, Orlon®, and certain other plastic materials that are not flame-retardant, is prohibited.

4. Table coverings used in exhibit halls must be flame-retardant treated, unless they lie flat, and have an overhang of no more than six (6) inches.

5. All materials must be certified by the Boston Fire Department within six (6) months of the event. The Boston Fire Department does not accept certificates from other jurisdictions. Materials may be sent directly to the Boston Fire Department for testing.

6. The City of Boston Fire Code prohibits the use of:

   - Fabric attached to a ceiling or used to cover any portion of an exhibit
   - Carpet on ceilings, walls, seating products, or as decorative material

LASERS

The use of lasers for exhibit demonstrations or visual effects for entertainment must be approved by the Licensee and the MCCA Public Safety Department. All lasers must comply with Code of Massachusetts Regulations 105 CMR 120.000, and be registered and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Regulations and applications are available from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

FOOD & BEVERAGE SAMPLES

The MCCA prohibits any food or beverages from being brought into the building, except by Levy Restaurants, the exclusive food & beverage service provider. The distribution of food and beverages, regardless of type and/or quantity, is the sole responsibility of Levy Restaurants.

Levy Restaurants is the official caterer for all food and beverage services within the MCEC. All arrangements for the service of food and/or beverages must be made through the catering office. Food and beverage sampling in conjunction with specific exhibits may be permitted, but only to the
extent approved in writing, in advance, by a Levy Restaurants Catering Sales Manager.

In order to obtain authorization from your Catering Sales Manager to distribute food and beverage items, one of the following conditions must exist:

(1) The party interested in distributing food and/or beverage must be the manufacturer of said product. The interested party must only distribute sample sizes (2 ounces of pre-packaged food items or 4 ounces of non-alcoholic beverages) of his/her product, and cannot participate in cash sales of said product during the show.

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(2) The party interested in distributing food and/or beverage items must pay a fee, which is based on a percentage of retail pricing for the item and is subject to all applicable administrative fees and taxes, in order to waive its right to exclusivity under the MCCA/MCEC License Agreement.

If a party brings unauthorized food and/or beverage items into the MCEC and does not subsequently meet one of the conditions listed above, the party must immediately remove the unauthorized item(s) from their exhibit or meeting space.

Temporary Food Service Permit Application

The City of Boston Inspectional Services Division requires a temporary food service permit for any food & beverage served at the MCEC that is not sourced through Levy Restaurants. Permit fees begin at $30.00 for a one-day permit, with $5.00 for each additional day of sampling (example: a 3-day permit costs $40.00).

GLITTER, CONFETTI, POPCORN AND OTHER MATERIALS

The use of glitter, confetti, sand, popcorn or simulated snow types of material is not permitted in the MCEC. Additionally, adhesive-backed decals may not be given away or utilized.

GRATUITIES POLICY

It is against the MCCA's policy for any employee or service contractor to accept gratuities or gifts from the Licensee and/or any exhibitors. Offering of tips and gratuities to personnel employed by the MCCA, or its contractors, agents or suppliers, is not necessary and strictly prohibited. If you are approached or solicited by any MCCA or service contractor personnel for gratuities, please report this violation to the Chief of Public Safety at 617.954.2222.

GUARDRAILS AND STAIRS

Any platforms exceeding 30" in height will require a Massachusetts State building code compliant guardrail system. The guardrail shall be 42" in height, with balusters or solid material such that a sphere with a four-inch (4") diameter cannot pass through any opening.

The guardrails shall not have an ornamental pattern that would provide a ladder effect. This includes a guardrail on stairs.

The guardrail system shall be capable of withstanding a load of 200 pounds (minimum).

Stair construction shall meet Massachusetts State building code for riser height of 7" maximum and a tread depth of 11" minimum. These stairs shall have a handrail that shall be continuous, without interruption by newel posts, other

structure elements or obstructions. Handrails shall not be less than 34" or more than 38". The handrail ends shall be returned to a wall or post. All stairway handrails shall have a circular cross section with an outside diameter of at least 1-1/4" and not greater than 2".

Stair width shall be a minimum of 36". Many multi-level displays are designed without risers, which is not permitted by the Massachusetts State building code as the stairway is part of a means of egress. The easiest way to address this issue with minimal cost is to secure a fitted piece of fire-rated plywood or sheet rock between the stringers against the back of the treads.

HAND-CARRY POLICY

The MCCA reserves the right to restrict all freight and package deliveries to the loading dock. MCCA Public Safety personnel will be on site to direct and assist exhibitors during move-in and move-out.

For the convenience and safety of exhibitors and patrons, all freight and material handling must enter and exit the facility through the loading dock. The Licensee and its exhibitors will be allowed to hand carry one item, one time, in or out of the facility without having to access the loading dock. (Hand-carried freight is defined as one item that can be easily carried by an individual, without the need for dollies or other mechanized equipment.)

No parking is allowed at the entrance of the facility, and the use of passenger elevators for movement of freight is not allowed. All packages are subject to inspection by facility personnel.

This policy is strictly enforced at The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel skybridge as well.

LIGHTS

Only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved, clamp-on types of portable spotlights are allowed. All display lights must be turned off when the exhibitor leaves for the day. Only UL approved extension cords 12 gauge or greater, rated for 20 amp, are allowed. Note: Household extension cords are not permitted. These are generally 14 or 16 gauge and only rated at 15 amp.

MATERIAL HANDLING

Exhibitors are allowed to perform their own material handling, providing all of the following criteria are met:

- Exhibit personnel performing the work must be bona fide, full-time employees ("authorized personnel") of said company.
- Exhibitors may choose to off-load from a company-owned truck or rental vehicle, or from a car, van or truck owned by personnel of the company provided the vehicle is co-owned or rental vehicles must be less than 24 feet in length.
- Exhibitors may use only hand-operated equipment, which they have provided; two-wheeled hand trucks and four-wheeled flat trucks are permitted as well.
- At no time can vendors (A/V, furniture design firm, etc.) unload their items. An approved General Service Contractor (GSC) or the Exclusive Rigging Service Provider (ERSP) must be hired by the Licensee to unload/re-load and push in all vendors.

MEANS OF EGRESS

The travel distance within an exhibit booth or exhibit enclosure (including temporary office/meeting spaces) to an exit access aisle shall not exceed 50 feet (15 meters). There should be a minimum of two (2) separate exits from any point in the hall or room where the occupant load is less than 500 persons. Where occupant loads are between 500 and 999 persons, there shall be a minimum of three (3) separate exit doors. Where occupant loads are 1,000 persons or greater, there shall be a minimum of four (4) separate exit doors.

Exits must be so located and exit access arranged so that exits are readily accessible at all times. Where more than one exit is required, exits must be remotely located from each other and arranged and constructed to minimize any possibility that more than one may be blocked by a fire or other emergency condition.

Where exits are not immediately accessible from an open floor area, safe and continuous unobstructed passageways, aisles or corridors leading directly to every exit must be maintained and arranged, to provide access for each occupant to at least two exits by separate ways of travel. At no time should an exit door or exit access door be locked, blocked or obstructed in a manner that will confuse or slow the movement of any people within the area. This requirement will also be in effect during the "move in" and "move out" of events.

During certain events, the total occupancy of larger meeting rooms and the ballrooms meeting room(s) being used may not require all the exit capacity provided for that area. In these cases, a special review will be done on the request to close some of the exit doors. An explanation, along with detailed drawings showing these doors, must be submitted for approval. If approved, the doors and exit signs must be covered to prevent any confusion to the occupants.

MULTI-LEVEL BOOTHS AND CEILINGS/CANOPIES

Guidelines for Covered Exhibits With Less Than Three Hundred (300) Covered Square Feet

All materials used in the construction of covered exhibits and all decorative materials within the exhibit must be non-combustible or limited combustible (flame-retardant) materials. Certification of flame retardant treatment, along with samples of said materials, must be submitted, if requested by the MCCA Public Safety Department or the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. It is strongly recommended that certifications of flame retardant treatments be available at show site to avoid on-site testing of materials.

Fabric must pass the NFPA-701 Code for flame spread and smoke development - Class A, Flame Spread less than or equal to 25, Smoke Developed less than or equal to 450. Canopies and tarps must be fire resistant and meet CPAI 84 (Canvas Products Association International) specifications. The original flame retardant compliance tag must be attached to tent, canopy or tarp.

The use of tents inside the Convention Center requires a special permit from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. Please contact the MCCA Public Safety Department at 617.954.2222 for assistance.

Exhibitor must install a single station and battery operated smoke detector on the interior of each covered exhibit or structure, including enclosed storage closets, regardless of the square footage. The detector must sound an audible alarm and be installed per the manufacturer's instructions.

Exhibitor must provide at least one (1) 10 lb. ABC, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Fire extinguishers must be mounted in a visible location and accessible at all times. All extinguishers shall be currently inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company.

A single exhibit or group of exhibits with ceilings that do not require sprinklers shall be separated by a distance of not less than 10 feet (3050 mm) where the aggregate ceiling exceeds 300 square feet (28 square meters).

Open flame, cooking or other sources of heat are prohibited under any tent, canopy or tarp.

MOVE-IN PROCEDURES

All exhibitor move-in is restricted to the MCEC Loading Dock. No exhibitor will be allowed access with his or her move-in materials via any other entrance to the facility. Please note the hand carry rule within the Exhibitor Participation Rules/ General Conditions Section of the Event Guide.

MULTI-LEVEL BOOTHS AND CEILINGS/CANOPIES

Guidelines for Multi-level Exhibits (regardless of the size) and Covered Exhibits With Larger Than Three Hundred (300) Covered Square Feet

Requests for construction of multi-level exhibits (regardless of the size) must be authorized by show management before being reviewed by the MCCA Engineering and Maintenance Division and MCCA Public Safety Department. To ensure the success of your exhibit, please read and comply with the following guidelines:

1. Plans should be submitted a minimum of 90 days before the move-in date of the event and must adhere to the following:
    a. They must be scaled, signed and dated by a registered architect or professional engineer.
    b. They must include the show name and dates.
    c. They must include exhibitor's name and assigned booth number.
    d. They must include directional information (i.e. indicate neighboring aisles and/or booth numbers).
    e. They must indicate maximum exhibit height, within the booth. Height guidelines are established, per event, by show management.
    f. They must include connection details for the elevated floor and stairs, and permitted loading for furnishings, storage units, work surfaces or occupants who will be permitted access to the upper level.
    g. They must include a floor loading schedule that identifies the maximum safe floor loading, fixture loads (dead loads) and occupant loading (live loads), establishing what shall be the effective limits.
2. All materials used in the construction of multi-level and/or covered exhibits and all decorative materials within the exhibit must be non-combustible or limited combustible (flame-retardant) materials. If requested, certification of flame-retardant treatment, along with samples of said materials, must be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for testing. It is recommended that certifications of flame retardant treatments be available at show site.

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MULTI-LEVEL BOOTHS AND CEILINGS/CANOPIES

Guidelines for Multi-level Exhibits (regardless of the size) and Covered Exhibits With Larger Than Three Hundred (300) Covered Square Feet

3. Exhibits with an enclosed room or occupied second story must post notice at the bottom of the stairway, indicating maximum permitted occupancy (or total permitted weight load of the second level).
4. If second level is to be occupied and greater than three hundred (300) square feet, or is designed to hold 10 or more persons, two (2) stairways are required, remote from each other. If second level is to be occupied and less than three hundred (300) square feet, one (1) set of stairs is permitted.
    a. Stair construction shall meet Massachusetts State building code for riser height of 7" maximum and a tread depth of 11" minimum.
    b. These stairs shall have a handrail that shall be continuous, without interruption by newel posts, other structure elements or obstructions.
    c. Handrails shall not be less than 34" or more than 38". The handrail ends shall be returned to a wall or post. All stairway handrails shall have a circular cross-section with an outside diameter of at least 1-1/4" and not greater than 2".
    d. Stair width shall be a minimum of 36". Many multi-level displays are designed without risers, which is not permitted by the Massachusetts State building code as the stairway is part of a means of egress.
5. Individual areas of upper decks or covered areas must be limited to dimensions that do not exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet.
6. Exhibitor must install a single station and battery-operated smoke detector on the interior of each covered exhibit or structure, regardless of the square footage. The detector must sound an audible alarm and be installed per the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Exhibitor must provide a portable, dry chemical fire extinguisher for each level or each covered exhibit or structure. At least one (1) 10 lb. ABC portable type fire extinguisher must be provided for each three hundred (300) square feet. Fire extinguishers must be mounted in a visible location and accessible at all times. All extinguishers shall be currently inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company.

AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM

1. The following shall be protected by an automatic extinguishing system:
    a. Any home or house constructed within the exhibit hall; and it must also include smoke/fire alarms and a 10 lb. ABC fire extinguisher on each level
    b. The lowest level of a multi-level exhibit, regardless of size, and/or a single-story covered exhibit where the covered area exceeds 300 sq. ft. (27.9 sq. m), and/or any covering over a multi-level exhibit exceeding 300 sq. ft. (27.9 sq. m)

    Exception: Exhibitors installing these approved flame retardant materials as coverings may avoid the need to install a fire extinguishing system:

    - A flame retardant material with fusible seams that under low temperatures (176° F / 80° C) will split and open the canopy to allow smoke to rise, activate sprinklers and allow water through the opening
    - A flame retardant open mesh material with a minimum 70% opening
    - Ceilings that are constructed of open grate design or listed dropout ceilings in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, shall not be considered ceilings within the context of this section
    - Vehicles, boats and similar exhibited products having over 100 sq. ft. (9.3 sq. m) of roofed area shall be provided with smoke detectors (Single station and battery operated or portable smoke detectors meeting the requirements for Household Fire Warning Devices in NFPA 74 are acceptable.)
2. A temporary sprinkler system must be connected to the Convention Center's domestic water system. The MCCA maintains a list of approved, state-licensed fire sprinkler companies authorized to install temporary fire sprinkler systems. The vendor must submit a sprinkler coverage plan to the MCCA Engineering & Maintenance Department for approval.
3. To order a plumbing connection for the sprinkler system before you arrive, click on the "Exhibitor Online Ordering" link from the main MCCA Webpage (www.massconvention.com).

4. Exhibitor must install at least one (1) single station and battery operated smoke detector on the interior of each covered exhibit or structure regardless of the square footage. The detector must have an audible alarm and be installed per the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Exhibitor must provide a portable, dry chemical fire extinguisher for each level or each covered exhibit or structure. At least one (1) 10 lb. ABC portable type fire extinguisher must be provided for each three hundred (300) square feet. Fire extinguishers must be mounted in a visible location, and be accessible at all times. All extinguishers shall be currently inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety does not permit the use of a fire watch ordered in lieu of a temporary fire sprinkler system as an alternative method for fire safety compliance.

PROTECT YOUR EXHIBIT AND MATERIALS

The MCCA is not liable for, nor does the MCCA carry any insurance on, exhibitor property or fixtures. Please bear in mind that all of your exhibit material and displays are your property. Therefore, it is important that you take every precaution to protect this material. Below are some suggestions toward this end:

1. Ship your materials with a qualified carrier and be sure to lock trunks/crates.
2. If cartons are used, be sure that they are securely taped or banded and under no circumstances marked with the name or type of articles contained therein.
3. Be sure to furnish your shipping company with an accurate account and complete bill of lading.
4. Do not leave your booth unattended during the set-up period.
5. Do not leave exhibit material under tables or displays.
6. Do not include exhibit material in containers to be stored with empties.
7. At the close of the exhibit, be sure to pack as quickly as possible and under no circumstances leave your space unattended during this period.
8. If at all possible, have one of your staff remain in your space with your shipment, until it is actually picked up by the drayage contractor's personnel.
9. Promptly report any missing items or suspicious person(s) to Public Safety.

SMOKING

The MCEC is a non-smoking facility. Smoking of any tobacco product or electronic cigarette ("e-cigarettes") is NOT allowed in the building at any time. Designated smoking areas are located outside the building.

SOLICITATIONS

No solicitations or collections are permitted in the MCEC.

VEHICLES AND OTHER MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

Vehicles that are to be brought into the MCEC must be pre-approved. In some cases, vehicles will not be allowed in the building, and there are restricted areas that vehicles cannot enter. Keys to start the vehicle, as well as any deactivation codes for security features, must be left with the Public Safety Department.

Motorized vehicles are defined as any vehicle that is propelled by an internal combustion engine, such as, but not limited to: automobiles, trucks, buses, farm equipment, construction equipment, motorcycles, snow mobiles, aircraft, watercraft and lawnmowers.

Motorized vehicles shall:

1. Be equipped with a locking (or taped) gas cap to prevent the escape of vapors. Fuel tanks shall not have more than three (3) gallons of fuel, or 1/8 tank, whichever is less.
    a. Exceptions:
        i. Recreational vehicles (RVs) may have up to ¼ tank of fuel
        ii. Aircraft that is on standby status and is required to have a minimal fuel level as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) such as MedFlight ®
2. Have at least one (1) battery cable used to start the engine, disconnected and the end of the disconnected battery cable, taped. It is preferred that the positive or "hot" cable be disconnected.

3. Not be moved during exhibit hours. Vehicles may not be started or operated within the exhibit hall for the first 15 minutes after the exhibit hall closes to the public for the day or final closing of the event. No vehicle may be operated on the exhibit hall without a lead person walking in front of the vehicle warning people of vehicle movement.
4. Fueling or defueling of vehicles is prohibited.

MCCA Services

The MCEC is the exclusive provider of the following services: food & beverage, business center, coat check, electrical, telephone, Internet, plumbing and the supply of compressed airs and gases, the use of the house sound system, rigging, the operation of ground-supported crank-ups, and the operation and provision of lifts for theatrical purposes. Most of these services are available directly to an exhibitor and should be ordered through your Exhibitor Services Center. These exclusive services are subject to prices and conditions on appropriate order forms. Discounts may apply to some services by meeting the advance payment deadlines and conditions noted on the forms.

Exhibitors may order services through the Signature Boston Exhibitor Ordering Site at www.signatureboston.com. For more information, Exhibitor Services can be contacted at 617.954.2230 or exhibitorservices@signatureboston.com.

The MCCA is the preferred provider of security booth coverage for exhibitors. If your event designates another security vendor for booth coverage, you may choose to order through the event's preferred provider as detailed in your Exhibitor Kit.

ATMS

Guests will find ATMs on Level One in the North Lobby and the Wicked Good Market, and on Level 0 East.

AUDIO/VISUAL SERVICES

The MCEC offers in-house A/V services on a preferred basis, with a preferred audio/visual provider to help provide comprehensive event support and services. All types of audio and visual display devices, screens and computer interfaces are available, along with skilled operators. The MCEC features a digital audio system and extensive use of fiber optic cabling to distribute signals throughout the facility. The MCEC has a clear line of sight to all satellites and dedicated truck parking spaces, complete with power and signal distribution. The preferred audio/visual provider is the exclusive provider for the use of the in-house sound systems. All other A/V companies must bring in a stand-alone speaker system.

BOOTH PACKAGES

Services cannot be resold or bundled as a package without prior written approval.

BUSINESS CENTER

The MCCA in-house vendor is the exclusive service provider of the Business Center. From simple documents to complex projects and on-going programs, the MCCA business center will provide document management solutions to meet your needs. The document solutions capabilities include: copying and digital printing, document production, supplies, computer services, electronic file submission, signage, custom printing services, document distribution, pack and ship options, express and ground service, fax service with delivery of incoming messages, and desktop/word processing.

SATELLITE SERVICES

The MCEC has a clear line of sight to all satellites and convenient parking spots for uplink and downlink trucks. Power and signal distribution is available at all truck locations. Please contact Exhibitor Services for more details and pricing.

Transportation

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

We strongly encourage you to promote public transportation as an efficient option for your attendees and exhibitors. Public transportation in the Boston area is provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA or "The T"). A number of excellent public transportation options are available for service to and from the MCEC. South Station, the premier regional transportation center, is a ten-minute walk from the front door of the MCEC. Services available at South Station include the MBTA's Red and Silver lines, Amtrak regional service, bus service, and commuter rail.

TAXI AND RIDESHARE INFORMATION

MMCCA staff will coordinate with the individual taxicab companies and the Boston Hackney Division for the needs of each event. Assigned staff will manage taxi service logistics. Level One, North Entrance at 415 Summer Street is the

required location for taxicab drop-off and pick-up. This taxi stand location will be separate from the other transportation operations for the event. MCCA Transportation staff will monitor the volume of taxis, and will request more from the taxicab companies as needed throughout the event.

Rideshare vehicles (such as Uber & Lyft, etc.) are only permitted to pick up and drop off at designated locations. These locations are event-specific, and will appear in the app when you open it to request a vehicle. Signs will be posted throughout the MCEC to direct you to the proper pick-up location.

PRIVATE CHARTER SERVICE

Any exhibitor wishing to pick up or drop off a private charter shuttle on-site must request a staging area from the MCCA Transportation Department. All requests must be made in advance by emailing MCCATransportationServices@signatureboston.com. Requests must include the name of the event, the date & time of the trip, name of the bus company, and number of vehicles being used.

Exhibitors may contract directly with the MCCA to provide charter services. Please email MCCATransportationServices@signatureboston.com to request a quote for services.

PARKING

The MCEC currently maintains 1,343 parking spaces in the South Parking Lot. There are also 200 parking spaces that are utilized for valet parking. Please keep in mind that there is no 24-hour parking or overnight parking at the MCEC. In-and-out privileges are only available to those who purchase Exhibitor Parking Passes (only offered for select events, please contact Exhibitor Services with any questions). Any vehicle left at the MCEC overnight is subject to tow at the owner's expense.

For larger events where the amount of parking available on-site is expected to be insufficient to meet the needs of a particular event, the MCCA Transportation Department will work with local parking lots and garages to create an overflow parking plan. Vehicles will be sent off-site, and attendees will be provided with either walking directions back to the MCEC or a shuttle depending on the distance of the parking lot from the MCEC.

Please note that during events where parking is expected to fill the MCCA will restrict parking on-site to single-spaced vehicles only. Exhibitors arriving with box trucks or vehicles with trailers in tow will be directed to park off-site, and will not be permitted into the South lot until the conclusion of the event.

PARKING ON LOADING DOCK

Exhibitor staff members parking on the loading dock and displaying their loading dock parking pass on the dashboard of the motor vehicle for the purpose of unloading cargo have a limit of 20 minutes in order to do so. Exhibitor staff remaining in the loading dock area beyond the 20-minute limit, and/or who do not properly display a valid loading dock parking pass, subject themselves to towing at the vehicle owner/operator's risk and expense.

ADA PARKING

There is an ADA area in the South Parking Lot, in the rear of the facility. Parking is available in these spaces for the same rate as standard self-parking. From there, there is a handicap-accessible sidewalk to Level Zero, where there is an entrance to the MCEC through the Southeast lobby.