Memorandum of Understanding
ASHRAE and IoR

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.

Founded in 1899, IoR, Surrey, England, provides a central resource for people from all over the world to improve the application of refrigeration and allied fields for the general good of society.

ASHRAE and IoR agree to support the Memorandum of Understanding to advance and promote the mutual interests of their respective members. We are committed to working together toward 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/IoR senior representatives to:
- Ensure ongoing advancement of collaborative projects.
- Keep each respective organization informed of major initiatives.
- Discuss new opportunities for collaboration.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Each organization agrees to provide the other with a meeting invitation and two complimentary VIP registrations to the primary annual meeting.

ASHRAE and IoR 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 IoR agree to work together on common public affairs goals and ideologies. During annual liaison meetings,
public affairs strategies will be discussed and common goals identified. Collaborative opportunities to be considered include:

- Joint promotion of codes and standards at the local, state, federal and international levels.
- Promoting mutually beneficial positions during the development and passage of state and federal legislation.
- 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 IoR agree to:

- Provide at least one complimentary subscription to the primary membership periodical/mailing to be received at the headquarters location of the other organization.
- Explore opportunities to jointly produce publications of mutual benefit.
- Cross-market each organization’s publications where appropriate and with industry standard distributor discounts.
- Use periodicals to promote the other organization’s events, publications and other activities.

EDUCATION

As leading providers of conventional and online educational services and in recognition of the vital role professional development has for our respective members, ASHRAE and IoR agree to:

- Cross-market educational offerings and the regional, national and international levels.
- Explore opportunities to co-develop new courses or other training programs that take advantage of overlapping and complimentary expertise between ASHRAE and IoR.
- Discuss ways that certification programs can be jointly develop or administered.

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION

ASHRAE and IoR 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 IoR agree to:
• Promote research in areas where research results will add to the body of knowledge in refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump areas;
• Disseminate research results quickly, focusing on high-impact findings.
• Identify opportunities for research funding from other sources.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

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

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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 automatically renew annually unless terminated by written agreement with 30 days advance notice. The contents of the MOU should be reviewed and if necessary amended annually.

LEGAL STANDING

This MOU reflects a commitment by ASHRAE and IoR 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 IoR. 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.