

**ESTA Technical Standards Program  
Application for Working Group Membership**

Name of individual					
Corporate parent company or organization to be represented					
Company				Phone	
Street				E-mail	
City					
State/Prov.		Country		Postal code	

Working group (Select one. Submit one application form per working group.)

Control Protocols	Electrical Power	Fog & Smoke	Followspot Position
Floors	Photometrics	Rigging	Stage Machinery

Voting status (Select one. See the next page for an explanation of the voting categories.)

Principal voting	Alternate voting	Individual voting	Observer, non-voting
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Interest category (Select one. See the next page for an explanation of the interest category choices.)

Mass-market producer	Custom-market producer	Dealer or rental company
User	General interest	Designer

Describe your interests in, qualifications for, and commitments to the issues addressed by the working group. Note your ability to attend working group meetings and to develop working group documents.

I hereby agree to notify the Technical Standards Council of any future changes in status, including change of employment or organization represented. I also agree that ESTA shall have full rights and license to use the materials I may provide or develop for the working group, and that I acquire no rights as an author of a joint work in any of the documents that might be produced by the working group.

**Signature  
and date:**

**Return to:**  
ESTA TSP Staff, [standards@esta.org](mailto:standards@esta.org) (You must have an email address to participate.)

The Event Safety Working Group uses a different form. [Click here to access the ESWG application form](#)

The Weapons Safety Working Group uses a different form. [Click here to access the WSWG application form](#)

## Information and instructions for form submittal

**You are required to read and understand ESTA's TSP Policies & Procedures as a condition of your participation.** The Policies & Procedures require all documents submitted for working group action be delivered to the working group a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please return this form at least two weeks before the working group meeting at which it is to be processed. Forms submitted less than two weeks prior to the meeting date may be held until the next meeting.

**Membership in ESTA is not a requirement for participation** in the activities of its Technical Standards Program. There is a \$100 per person/per year participation fee for working group members, to help defray the costs of running the Program. The fee is independent of voting status and number of working groups joined, and must be paid prior to working group consideration of this application.

**THIS FORM MAY OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER, BUT YOU MUST SAVE IT TO YOUR LOCAL MACHINE AND USE A PDF VIEWER APPLICATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER COMPLETION OF THE FORM DATA. COMPLETE IT, SIGN IT, AND RETURN IT AS INDICATED ON THE FORM.**

### **Explanation of Voting Status:**

**Principal** and **alternate** working group members are representatives of the same organization or company on a working group. A voting organization has one principal member and only one vote, regardless of the number of principal and alternate members representing the same organization. Principle and Alternate voting members must have the same entry in the "Corporate Parent Company or Organization to be Represented" field.

**Individual** working group members are persons of special expertise who are not affiliated with an organization or company having an interest in the work of the group. Each Individual working group member has one vote. An individual member may not have alternates. Individuals should place their name in the "name" field and in the "Corporate Parent Company or Organization to be Represented" field. If the individual works for a company that does not underwrite any portion of their participation, or direct voting in any way, then that company name may be listed in the "Company" field.

An **observer** member is a non-voting member. He or she may not vote, may not make motions, but may participate in discussions at working group meetings, and may submit written comments on the activities of a working group.

### **Explanation of Interest category (general working group application):**

**Custom-market producer:** a working group interest category, a member of which is a producer of goods in which more than 50% of its product lines are designed and manufactured for specific customers to meet specifications provided by those customers and in which the products provided to different customers are substantially different. The proportion of the product line shall be determined by the relative monetary values of the products at the wholesale level.

**Mass-market producer:** a working group interest category, a member of which is a producer of goods in which more than 50% of the product line is uniform products, designed and manufactured for non-specific customers without modification for any particular customer. The proportion of the product line shall be determined by the relative monetary values of the products at the wholesale level.

**Dealer or rental business:** a working group interest category, a member of which is a company whose major business (more than 50%) is in the reselling or renting of products from several manufacturers to the company's customers.

**User:** a working group interest category, a member of which is a person or company that uses the products that are the subject of a working group, and for whom this use results in a net income that is greater than any income derived from making, selling, or renting the subject products to others. Users for the purposes of this clause shall include educators and product end-users.

**General interest:** a working group interest category, a member of which is a party that is affected by the work of the group but that may not reasonably be considered a custom-market producer, a dealer or rental business, a mass-market producer, or a user of the products that are the subject of the working group. Examples are companies that do such a variety of business in a subject area that no one thing (renting or manufacturing, for example) could be considered over 50% of the business.

**Designer:** a working group interest category, a member of which incorporates the products and services regulated by ESTA standards in their work but is not involved in the production, sale, or distribution of the products, nor is regularly employed by those who are involved in the production, sale, or distribution of the products. Examples are theatre consultants, architects, and engineers who derive more than 50% of their income as a design professional.

*The Working Group reserves the right to reject applications with cause, and may assign a different interest category or voting status than the category or status requested, depending upon the balance of interest categories current at the time of application review. Such actions may be appealed, and there is a defined appeals procedure.*