



# 2014 APPLIED SUPERCONDUCTIVITY CONFERENCE EXHIBIT CONTRACT RULES & REGULATIONS



## SPACE RENTAL

**EXHIBIT MANAGEMENT** The word "Management" used herein refers to Applied Superconductivity Conference, Inc. © (ASC).

**LOCATION, DATES & HOURS** The Exhibit location, dates and hours will be as indicated in the 2014 Applied Superconductivity Conference Exhibitor Prospectus. Management reserves the right to make changes to the Exhibit dates and/or hours; however, such changes will be made known as far in advance and possible and will be posted on the website.

**EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION** Each 10' x 10' Exhibit booth will be equipped with 3' high fabric side-rails and a 8' high fabric back-wall and one (1) 11" x 17" ID sign. The booth fee includes one (1) Full Conference registration, one (1) Exhibit Hall Only registration and one (1) CD-ROM with the special conference issue of the *IEEE Transactions of Applied Superconductivity* (fully peer reviewed papers submitted at the Conference scheduled to be published in June 2015). Exhibitors registered as Full Conference attendees may attend all technical sessions and social events.

Complimentary wireless internet access will be available throughout the Exhibit hall with up to 1.5Mbps per user.

Additional company personnel may attend as an Exhibit Hall Only registrant at the \$150 per person rate. This fee includes the Sunday Welcome Reception, Tuesday Exhibitor Reception, and Refreshment Breaks but does not include admittance to the technical sessions and the Thursday Farewell Event. Limit to 2 (two) additional Exhibit Hall Registrations per single booth.

Those wishing to attend the technical sessions and social events must register as a Full Conference participant as part of the Attendee Conference Registration made available online starting at the beginning of April, 2014.

**CANCELLATION** If written notice of cancellation is received by Friday, May 30, 2014 an administrative fee of 20% of the total booth fee will be retained. Cancellations after May 30, 2014 will result in forfeiture of the Exhibit fee.

## CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXHIBITS

**ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBITS** The space provided will be shown on the floor plan insofar as possible, but Management reserves the right to make changes at any time in location, size and display limits of a booth if it is in the best interest of the show or in excess of the Exhibit Site load limits (contact Management for additional information).

*Exhibit floor weight-bearing capacity is 350 lbs per square foot. Exhibitors may not place objects weighing more than 350 lbs. per square foot in their booth – this is an absolute limit and no exceptions will be made. Violations will not be permitted. Any damage caused by excess weight or by the set up, installation, use, Exhibitor or removal of any object exceeding this weight will be repaired at the Exhibitor's expense.*

Exhibitors agree to arrange their Exhibits so as not to obstruct the general view of nor hide other Exhibits. A maximum back wall height on linear booths is restricted to 8 feet, with a 4 foot height restriction imposed on all materials in the remaining space forward to the aisle. No partitions other than the side rails provided by Management are allowed unless specifically approved in advance. The entire cubic content of an island booth may be used up to the maximum height of 12 feet, including signage. Exhibitors may not project beyond the space allotted and aisles must be kept clear of traffic.

Full-time employees of Exhibiting companies may set their own Exhibits provided that one person can accomplish the task in less than one-half (1/2) hour without the use of power tools or ladders.

Exhibitors are not permitted to use POWER TOOLS (electric drills, power saws, etc.) on booths of any size. Manual tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, ratchets, pry bars, etc. are allowable for Exhibitor use within size and time limitations. Exhibitors may not borrow tools, ladders or other equipment from the Exhibit facility and/or GES.

GES is responsible for maintaining in and out traffic schedules at the Exhibit site. Even local Exhibitors should clear all movements of Exhibit materials through the decorator as they will have priority at the unloading area at all times. Exhibitors may also handle their own freight provided the material can be hand carried to and from the booth via accepted freight entrances. Deliveries of hand-carried items will also be made at the security entrance or the designated "show entrance." Under no circumstances are public passenger elevators to be used for transporting equipment or Exhibit materials that are not able to be carried by hand.

Electrical installation is exclusively managed by the Charlotte Convention Center and must conform to regulations and to all national, state and local codes.

**USE AND PURPOSE OF EXHIBIT SPACE** No Exhibitor may sublet, assign or apportion any part of the assigned space, or represent, advertise or distribute literature for the product of service of any other firm or individual except as approved in writing by Management.

All Exhibits must be adequately staffed during exhibition hours. In addition, Exhibitor agrees not to dismantle his booth or to do any packing before the closing hours of the Exhibit.

**RESTRICTIONS** The exhibit is scientific and educational; over-the-counter sales during the show are prohibited.

Management may prohibit distribution of souvenirs, advertising matter or anything else it considers objectionable. Distribution elsewhere than from within an Exhibitor's booth is forbidden.

Tape and adhesive-backed materials are not allowed on the Charlotte Convention Center's carpeted surfaces. Use of tape on any wall surface, glass or equipment is prohibited. Any damage is payable by the Exhibitor.

Management reserves the right to restrict, prohibit or eject any Exhibit, in whole or in part, which because of noise, safety hazards or for other prudent reasons becomes objectionable. If an Exhibit or Exhibitor is ejected for violation of these rules and regulations, no return of rental fee shall be made.

Exhibitor agrees not to sponsor group functions that conflict with any official Conference program, except as approved by Management. Please check the website (<http://ascinc.org>) for information regarding ancillary meetings, hospitality suites, receptions, etc.

**DECORATION OF EXHIBITS** An Exhibit Service Kit will be provided prior to the Conference and Exhibition which will include information on labor, drayage, furniture, carpet, lighting, telephones and electricity. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to abide by the regulations and deadlines contained therein. The Charlotte Convention Center will not accept Exhibitor freight or drayage. All freight and drayage must be directed to GES. A complete shipping address will be provided within the exhibit service kit.

PSAV is the exclusive provider of rigging services in the Exhibit Hall. Please contact them by phone at [001] 704-339-6180 or visit their website at <http://psav.com/charlotte>.

**MATERIAL HANDLING** No one other than employees of GES are authorized to operate dollies, flat trucks, motorized carts, lift equipment and other mechanical equipment in the Charlotte Convention Center. GES will control access to the trade show floor which includes access from the loading docks and/or all doorways into an exhibit facility. This will help to provide a safe and orderly move-in/move-out. Unloading or reloading of any freight into the exhibit hall by any and all private vehicles and contracted carriers will be handled by GES. Rates for material handling services are enclosed in the exhibitor service manual.

GES shall be the sole authority on all matters in the DOCK area. This shall include but not be limited to such items as assignment of dock space and loading or unloading of all materials and equipment.

Any conflicts or disagreements regarding the union jurisdictions or interpretations thereof should be resolved with representatives of GES and Show Management.

Helium, Nitrogen, Oxygen and Nitrous oxide tanks (limited to 2.5 lbs. and total aggregate quantity of not more than 200 lbs) are allowed on the event floor with prior approval by the Fire Marshal. OSHA requires that all containers be properly labeled and display appropriate warnings. Tanks must be firmly secured in the upright position with valves protected against damage. Nitrous oxide and Oxygen tanks over 250 cubic feet are prohibited. Oxidizing gases (Oxygen or Nitrous oxide) in amounts in excess of 503 cubic feet may only be used in public assembly area under permit for Hazardous Materials. Exhibitors displaying or using hazardous materials must submit Material Safety Data Sheets to Centennial Conferences by May 1, 2014. Any container not clearly labeled will be removed from within the Charlotte Convention Center, tested and disposed of at exhibitor's expense.

All special requests should be directed to Centennial Conferences PRIOR to submitting the Exhibit application & Contract Agreement and full payment. Special requests could be, but are not limited to, needs for cooling water and drains, electrical requirements to accommodate the use of a compressor, chemical mixtures and liquid hydrogen. If your request can be accommodated and is approved, you will receive confirmation from Centennial Conferences by email.

**FIRE AND ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS** All local regulations will be strictly enforced, and the Exhibitor assumes responsibility for compliance with such regulations. All decorations and booth equipment must be fireproofed to meet the requirements of the city Fire Marshal. Combustible materials shall not be in or around exhibit booths. All packaging containers, wrapping materials, and display materials must be removed from behind booths and placed in storage.

All Exhibitors must abide by all reasonable rules, regulations, guidelines and/or policies issued by the Charlotte Convention Center and Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA).

**DISABILITY PROVISIONS** Exhibitor represents and warrants (i) the Exhibit will be accessible to the full extent required by law; (ii) the Exhibit will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and with any regulations implemented by that Act; and (iii) that it shall indemnify and hold harmless Management and Show Floor Manager, their officers, directors, agents and employees as well as the CRVA and the City of Charlotte, their agents, employees, servants and officials from any action arising from the Exhibitor's non-compliance with ADA and any regulations implemented by the Act.

## LIABILITY

**SECURITY** Management will provide guard service and will take reasonable precautions to safeguard Exhibitor's property. However, the provision of this service shall not be construed as an assumption of obligation or duty with respect to the protections of the Exhibitor's damage, theft or destruction of Exhibitor's property.

**SUPPLIERS** Exhibitor acknowledges that Management does not own, operate, or in any other manner exercise any control of influence over third party suppliers to the Exhibit and that Management acts solely as Exhibitor's agent in arranging with such suppliers for the provision of goods and services for the Exhibit. As such, Management does not assume any responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by any wrongful or negligent acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers, their employees, or any other party not under the control of Management.

**INSURANCE** Exhibitor agrees to maintain general liability insurance in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to cover its potential liabilities under this Agreement, and to name Management and the Charlotte Convention Center as additional insured's under Exhibitor's liability policy for the period of the Exhibit including move-in and move-out periods.

**LIABILITY** Neither Management nor the Charlotte Convention Center will assume responsibility for the safety of the property of the Exhibitor, his officials, agents or employees, from theft, damage by fire, accidents or other causes but will use reasonable care to protect them against such loss. It is suggested that each Exhibitor insure his property against loss and theft. The Exhibitor agrees to make no claim against Management or the Charlotte Convention Center, and will protect, indemnify, defend and save the above-named harmless from any and all losses, costs, damages, liability, or expenses (including attorney's fees) arising from or by reason of any accident, bodily injury, property damage, theft or loss, or other claims of occurrences to any person, including Exhibitor, its employees and agents, or any business invitees, arising out of or related to Exhibitor's occupancy or use of the Exhibitor premises in the Exhibit or in and adjacent to the Charlotte Convention Center including storage and parking areas.

Management will not be liable for the fulfillment of this contract as to the delivery of space if non-delivery is due to the following causes: by reason of the building being destroyed by fire, act of God, public enemy, strikes, the authority of law, or for any other cause beyond its control. In the event of it's not being able to hold the Exhibit for any of the above named reasons, Management will refund to each Exhibit company the amount paid for the space, less a proportionate share of all the expense incurred by Management for the Exhibit.

## RULE CHANGES

Management reserves the right to modify or supplement these rules as it deems appropriate to the operation of the Exhibit, and Exhibitors agree to be bound by them. Violations of any of these terms, or regulations, on the part of the Exhibitor, its employees or agents shall, at the option of Management, constitute cause for Management to terminate this Agreement, expel Exhibitor from the Exhibit, and Exhibitor shall forfeit all fees paid to Management.