

EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES, INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS



RULES AND REGULATIONS — EXHIBITOR PARTICIPATION

Access Control and Credentialing

The following information applies to all Exhibitors traveling to the BCEC, unloading Exhibitor-related cargo, and parking at the BCEC:

Exhibitors accessing the BCEC must be processed by the BCEC 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 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.

Affixing to the Facility Structure

Licensee shall not allow exhibitors to:

- Rigging of cable/hanging devices or affixing any materials to the ceiling, electrical buss ducts and conduits, on sprinkler pipes, ventilation equipment, windows, columns or any other physical structure at the BCEC is strictly prohibited.
- Exhibits shall not 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.
- Exhibits shall not erect any decorations or use adhesive materials, including tape that can deface the walls, ceilings, floors, facilities, and equipment contained on the premises.
- Walls, floors, ceilings, or other areas of the facility or its furnishings or fixtures are not to be painted or have permanent coverings applied.

Booth Set-Up and Dismantle

Exhibitors

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 permitted for dining setting for the ballroom and exhibit halls so long as the flame from the candle does not exceed the height of the required fire safe enclosure, which is usually made of glass or other non-combustible material. Candles can be placed on tables only. Candles cannot be placed on any shelving, window ledges or sills, or any other place

where the candle and its encasement could fall and cause injury and or fire. Use of candelabras and other such arrangements are prohibited. Candles cannot be placed on, in, or near the same area with other combustibles, such as dried flower arrangements, confetti, etc. All candles and required encasements to be used must be approved by the MCCA Public Safety Department at least 60 days prior to the date of their intended use.

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 or in limited quantities from MCCA Event Services.

Cooking Demonstrations

If cooking or heating appliances will be used they Authority prefers they are powered by electricity, using 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 in 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 Authority'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).
 - a. Multiple single-well cooking units may be placed together if the aggregate cooking surface does not exceed 288 sq. in. (.19 sq. m)
5. 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 flame, cooking or other sources of heat are prohibited under any tent, canopy or tarp.

Exclusive Services

The BCEC will be the exclusive provider of the following services: food & beverage, cleaning, electrical, medical, 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 BCEC.

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

- Removed from MCCA facilities by the exhibitor; or
- Properly disposed of; or
- Donated to a previously identified non-profit charity; 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 from

another 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 Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (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 and 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 reserve 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.

If you have questions on guidelines or fire codes please contact:
MCCA Public Safety Department, 617-954-2222

BCEC 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 automated external defibrillators (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.

Fire Safety Limitations

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

- 1) The following items are fire-hazards and are prohibited for use in the BCEC:
 - 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, 3/8 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.

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. <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/exposure-topics/radiation/public-health-regulations-radiation-control.html>.

Food & Beverage Samples

The BCEC prohibits any food or beverages from being brought into the building, except by Levy Restaurants, the exclusive F&B 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 BCEC. 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/BCEC License Agreement.

If a party brings unauthorized food and/or beverage items into the BCEC 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.

Sampling Authorization Form (Page E10)– This form outlines policies and procedures pertaining to F&B sampling at the BCEC. The document contains specific information regarding allowable sample sizes, eligibility of sampling, method of distribution, etc. This form is required by Levy Restaurants in order to obtain permission to sample and to obtain a Temporary Food Service Permit.

Temporary Food Service Permit Application– The City of Boston Inspectional Services Division requires a temporary food service permit for any F&B served at the BCEC 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). Please contact “your show’s Exhibitor Service Manager” for additional information.

For more information on available Exhibitor Catering Services or further assistance, please contact:

Levy Restaurants , Catering Sales Office,
617-954-2321

Glitter, Confetti, Popcorn, and Other Materials

The use of glitter, confetti, sand, or simulated snow types of material, as well as popcorn, is NOT permitted in the BCEC without prior approval from your Event

Services Manager. If your request is approved, an additional cleaning cost may apply.

Additionally, adhesive-backed decals may not be given away or utilized. Any costs incurred by the BCEC for the removal of these items will be charged to the Licensee.

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 and if you are approached or solicited by any MCCA or service contractor personnel 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 (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

- 1) 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)
- 2) There shall 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.
- 3) Exits shall be so located and exit access shall be so arranged that exits are readily accessible at all times.
- 4) Where exits are not immediately accessible from an open floor area, safe and continuous unobstructed passageways, aisles, or corridors leading directly to every exit shall be maintained and shall be so arranged as to provide access for each occupant to at least two exits by separate ways of travel.
- 5) Where more than one exit is required, exits shall be remotely located from each other and so arranged and constructed as to minimize any possibility that more than one may be blocked by any one fire or other emergency condition.
- 6) At no time shall 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.
- 7) During certain events the total occupancy of larger meeting rooms and the ballrooms meeting room 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 shall be submitted for approval. If approved, the doors and exit signs must be covered to prevent any confusion to the occupants.

Move-In Procedures

ALL Exhibitor move-in is restricted to the BCEC 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

A. 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 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 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.

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

Requests for construction of multi-level (regardless the size) must be authorized by the show management before being reviewed by the MCCA Engineering and Maintenance Division and MCCA Public Safety Department. To ensure 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 include provide connection details for the elevated floor, stairs, permitted loading for furnishings, storage units, work surfaces or occupants who will be permitted access to the upper level.
 - g. They must include 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 certifications of flame retardant treatments are available at show site.
- 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 the square footage. The detector must sound an audible alarm and be installed per 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.

C. 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 must be protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system, 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 any covering over a multi-level exhibit exceeding 300 sq. ft. (27.9 sq. m)

i. Exception - Exhibitors installing the below approved flame retardant materials as coverings may avoid the need to install a fire extinguishing system –

1. A flame retardant material with a 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.

2. A flame retardant open mesh material with a minimum 70% opening.

3. 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.

4. 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 Convention Center 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 by clicking 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 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 may be ordered in lieu of a temporary fire sprinkler system as an alternative method for fire safety compliance.

D. Fire Code Compliance

Type 1	Exhibits with two stories under 300 square feet and less than 10 occupants
Type 2	Exhibits with two stories over 300 square feet or more than 10 occupants
Type 3	Exhibits with covering under 300 square feet
Type 4	Exhibits with covering at or over 300 square feet

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
Maximum Dimensions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Second Level	Yes	Yes	-	-
Exit Stairways	Yes	Yes	-	-
Smoke Detector	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Posted Occupancy	Yes	Yes	No	No
Fire Extinguishers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extinguishing System	Yes	Yes	No	Yes *
Stamped Plan Review	Yes	Yes	No	No
Public Safety Review	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

* - See Paragraph C.1bi for alternative materials to avoid the need for a extinguishing system

Non-Credentialed Exhibitor Staff

Exhibitor staff arriving at the facility must identify themselves with a photo ID (preferably a valid state issued motor vehicle operator's license) by the Southwest Loading Dock Public Safety Officer. Once positively identified, the Exhibitor will be referred to the Licensee in order to register and receive event credentials.

Parking on Loading Dock Limited to 30 Minutes

Exhibitor staff members parking on the loading dock and displaying their loading dock parking pass on the dashboard of the motor vehicle for the purposes of unloading cargo have a limit of 30 minutes in order to do so. Exhibitor staff remaining in the loading dock area beyond the 30 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.

Positive Means of Identification Required

While inside the facility Exhibitor staff must be in possession of a positive means of identifying themselves with photo identification (ID), preferably a state issued motor vehicle operator's license, etc.

Public Safety Recommendations

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 BCEC is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is NOT allowed in the building at any time. Designated smoking areas are located outside the building.

Solicitations

No solicitations or collections in the BCEC, whether for charity or otherwise, shall be made, attempted, or allowed without the prior written consent of your Event Services Manager.

Vehicles and Other Motorized Equipment

Vehicles that are to be brought into the BCEC must be pre-approved by your Event Services Manager, and all requirements made under that agreement must be followed. In some cases, vehicles will not be allowed in the building, and there are restricted areas that vehicles cannot enter. Special permission by your Event Services Manager is required to place vehicles in public and common areas inside the facility. Keys to start the vehicle, as well as any deactivation codes for security features, must be left with the BCEC Public Safety department.

Motorized vehicles are defined as any vehicle which 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 1/2 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 BCEC and its contracted entities are the exclusive providers of the following services: food & beverage, cleaning, electrical, medical, business center, telephone, Internet, rigging, the operation of ground-supported crank-ups, plumbing, and the supply of compressed air and gases. Most of these services are available directly to exhibitors and can be provided through the Exhibitor Services Center. They are subject to prices and conditions detailed in our Exhibitor Ordering Guide. Our services can NOT be resold or bundled as a package without prior written approval from the General Manager. Discounts may apply to some services by meeting the advance payment deadlines and conditions notes on the forms.

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.

For rates and additional information, exhibitors should contact our Exhibitor Services Department at (617) 954-2230 or visit our secure online ordering web site at www.massconvention.com.

ATMs

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

Audio/Visual Services

The BCEC 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 BCEC features a digital audio system and extensive use of fiber optic cabling to distribute signals throughout the facility. The BCEC 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

Our services can NOT be resold or bundled as a package without prior written approval from the BCEC General Manager.

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, notary public services, pack and ship options, express and ground service, fax service with delivery on incoming messages and desktop/word processing.

Satellite Services

The BCEC 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 your Event Services Manager for more details and pricing.

TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation

We strongly encourage you to promote public transportation as an efficient transportation 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 BCEC. South Station, the premier regional transportation center, is a ten minute walk from the front door of the BCEC. Services available at South Station include the MBTA’s Red and Silver lines, Amtrak regional service, bus service, and commuter rail.

Additional information about public transportation in Boston can be found on the MBTA's website: <http://www.mbta.com>.

Information about water taxi service can be found at <http://www.citywatertaxi.com>.

Taxi Information

MCCA staff will coordinate with the individual taxi cab 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 taxi cab drop-off and pick-up.* This taxi stand location will be separate from the other transportation operations for the event.

Taxis will arrive at the designated taxi stand and wait in a short queue for customers as long as necessary for a passenger to board. The only limitation is that the taxis at the end of the queue do not block open lane traffic. Taxis unable to enter the designated curb lane will be required to proceed to the designated taxi pool area and will be called as service requires. The BCEC may create a temporary taxi pool on Northwest Level One. Curbside managers at the designated taxi stand will be in radio contact with monitors at the pool site to dispatch taxis when a steady flow of taxis is required, such as during an event break.

For a complete list of taxi companies and their contact information, please visit the BCEC transportation website.

Parking

The BCEC currently maintains 1,345 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 BCEC. For larger events there are nearly 10,000 parking spaces at nearby parking facilities that could be used to create "blocks" of parking for BCEC events. The parking element of the Transportation Plan will describe the use of these parking resources. The Plan will seek to minimize displacement of parkers from existing facilities and parking-related impacts in the South Boston residential neighborhood.

ADA Parking

If valet service is available for the event, those attendees that are driving themselves can park with valet. Those wishing to park their own vehicles will be directed to park in the ADA area in the South Parking Lot, in the rear of the facility. From there, they can take a handicap-accessible sidewalk to Level Zero, where they can enter the BCEC through the Southeast lobby.

Valet Parking

The MCCA can provide valet parking services at the BCEC.

Parking Options and Directions

Motorists can find the BCEC by using the highway ramps from I-90 and I-93 that are conveniently located in the South Boston Waterfront area. South Boston Waterfront parking lots can also be easily accessed from these highways. Directions and appropriate temporary directional signs placed in the local street network will be provided to guide event attendees to off-site parking facilities that support a BCEC event. These signs will be placed at the direction and expense of the Licensee and will be designed to complement permanent directional signs that are in place to direct motorists to the BCEC. The Licensee will distribute directions to parking areas to event attendees with the purpose of keeping motorists on the highway system prior to entering the South Boston Waterfront.

LEVY RESTAURANTS BCEC AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
Sample Food and/or Beverage Distribution

Please complete this form to receive authorization to distribute food or beverages not purchased through Levy Restaurants. Levy Restaurants has exclusive food and beverage distribution rights within the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) and has the responsibility to the City of Boston to strictly regulate any food and beverage activity within the BCEC. Due to strict regulations, any vendor sampling product within the above mentioned parameters must submit a sampling form to Levy Restaurants for approval.

The Selling of Food and/or Beverage products by any other entity is strictly prohibited.

Sponsoring Organizations of expositions and trade shows, and/or their exhibitors, may distribute SAMPLE food and/or beverage products ONLY upon written authorization and adherence to ALL of the conditions outlined below.

General Conditions - Food Industry Related Shows

1. Items dispensed are limited to products ***Manufactured, Processed or Distributed*** by exhibiting companies.
2. All items are limited to SAMPLE SIZE and must be dispensed/distributed in accordance to Local and State Health Codes:
 - a. Non-Alcoholic Beverages limited to **maximum of 4 oz.** Sample Size, served in biodegradable (or plastic) cups. No cans or bottles will be permitted.
 - b. Alcoholic beverage sampling is permitted only if you are the manufacturer or distributor of the beverage. Alcoholic beverages must be "sample" sizes (**2 oz. for beer/wine, 1.25 oz for liquor**) and can only be served by a licensed Levy Restaurants bartender.
 - c. Food items are limited to "bite size", **not to exceed 2 oz.** portions or a 2 oz. prepackaged samples.
 - d. All food/beverage items brought in are required by the Boston Health Department to have a temporary Health Permit. This includes prepackaged food samples, samples not intended for consumption on the show floor, and bottled water.
3. Vendors are responsible for all booth rental fees, electrical, plumbing, drayage and all other Levy Restaurants and/or BCEC services.

IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES APPLY:

TAKE-AWAY ITEMS AND BUY-OUT FEES Any Food and Beverage brought on premises without the Written Authorization from Levy Restaurants, the BCEC and NAME Show Management is strictly prohibited.

1. Take-away items will be assessed and approved on a case by case basis by Levy Restaurants. Take-away items are items that are distributed to attendees but are not intended for immediate consumption at the time of receipt. Requests for take-away items must be submitted no later than DATE.
2. Requests for all Food or Beverage Products brought on the premises for consumption at hosted banquet/booth events or that do not fall within the Sampling parameters listed above may incur a **Buy-out Fee** by Levy Restaurants. An appropriate buy-out fee will be determined by Levy Restaurants on a case by case basis; however, the buy-out fee will be based on a percentage of the retail pricing for the food and/or beverage item and is subject to all applicable taxes and service charges.

UNUSED FOOD OR BEVERAGE PRODUCT that requires pick-up or shipment after the show/event is the responsibility of the Company that is sampling the product. Absolutely NO REFUNDS of Buy-out Fees will be given for Food or Beverage Product if not consumed during show/event.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE RELATED SERVICES including storage, delivery, or any other service required for Food and/or Beverage products brought from the outside are not the responsibility of and will NOT be provided by Levy Restaurants.

If these services are required the following charges will assessed:

1. \$150.00 for a small visi cooler
2. \$300.00 for a large double visi cooler
3. \$25.00 per drop off and per pick-up for steward
4. \$150.00 per day minimum for dry or refrigerated storage
5. \$6.00 per 5 pound bag of ice

**Both the refrigerator and cooler require stewarding labor to drop off and retrieve the equipment. A security deposit of \$250 per piece of equipment will also apply.*

SHIPPING/RECEIVING Please note that only product you expect to be prepared by, stored by and delivered by Levy Restaurants should be shipped to Levy Restaurants. Please see the Shipping Label, fill it out and ensure it is used properly to ensure proper receiving of your product. You must contact Levy Restaurants prior to shipping items – items not expected will not be received. For all Food and Beverage not purchased through Levy Restaurants, all standard fees mentioned above will be charged where applicable, including 20% Administrative Fee and Applicable Sales Tax.

The Company named below acknowledges they have sole responsibility for the use, servicing or other disposition of such items in compliance with all applicable laws. Accordingly, the firm agrees to indemnify and forever hold harmless Levy Restaurants and the BCEC from all liabilities, damages, losses, costs or expenses resulting directly or indirectly from their use, serving or other disposition of such items.

Exhibiting firm must provide Levy Restaurants with a Certificate of Insurance showing evidence of Commercial General Liability with an each occurrence limit of \$1,000,000 and naming Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership and Massachusetts Convention Center Authority as additional insured. Information must be received no later than close of business (5:00PM EST) on DEADLINE.

Before returning this document, please sign the "Agreed" indicating you have read and you agree with all conditions.

SHOW NAME
DATE

Company Name _____ Booth No. _____

Company Address _____

Contact Name _____ Telephone () _____ Ext _____

Email _____ Onsite Contact _____ Cell _____

PLEASE SPECIFY: Item / Distribution Purpose / Quantity / Portion Size / Method of Dispensing

Agreed _____ Approved _____ Date _____

Exhibiting Firm

Levy Restaurants

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO LEVY RESTAURANTS BY DATE TO ENSURE CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL.

For additional services and information, please contact Levy Restaurants:

Catering Sales Department

415 Summer Street, Boston MA 02210

Telephone 617.954.2321 Fax 617.954.2159