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Antitrust Policy

To ensure that assoc. and its members comply with antitrust laws, the following principles will be observed:

• The assoc. or any committee, or activity shall not be used for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied, among two or more members or other competitors with regard to prices or terms and conditions of contracts for services or products. Therefore, discussions and exchanges of information about such topics will not be permitted at meetings or other activities.

• There will be no discussions discouraging or withholding patronage or services from, or encouraging exclusive dealing with any supplier or purchaser or group of suppliers or purchasers of products or services, any actual or potential competitor or group of actual potential competitors, or any private or governmental entity.

• There will be no discussions about allocating or dividing geographic or service markets or customers.

• There will be no discussions about discouraging entry into or competition in any segment of the marketplace.

• There will be no discussions about limiting advertisements in publications other than limitations relating to advertising which is false, misleading, defamatory, and offensive to the profession or promoting unlawful products or activities, promoting products or services directly competing with assoc. products or services, or otherwise inconsistent with our advertising policies.

• Certain activities of the assoc. and its members are deemed protected from antitrust laws under the First Amendment right to petition government. The antitrust exemption for these activities, referred to as the Noerr-Pennington Doctrine, protects ethical and proper actions or discussions by members designed to influence: 1) legislation at the national, state, or local level; 2) regulatory or policy-making activities (as opposed to commercial activities) of a governmental body; or 3) decisions of judicial bodies. However, the exemption does not protect actions designed to cover-up anti-competitive conduct.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect the association’s tax-exempt association, interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement, but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

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Example – Be sure to rely on legal and accounting counsel.