



# CP#36-09 – Financial Assistance

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- 1.0. Purpose of Council Policy:** This policy is intended to regulate the conduct of all members, member representatives, and participants in the codes and standards development activities of the ICC (“ICC Code Development Activities”) and is further intended to assure a transparent environment that reduces the impact of economic interests on the public benefit mission of the organization.
  
- 2.0. Rules and Procedures:**
  - 2.1. Contributions.** To allow industry and the public to contribute to the goals of the ICC in transparent and accountable processes, organizations and individuals are permitted to contribute financial assistance to governmental members to further ICC activities provided that:
    - 2.1.1.** Contributions of financial assistance to Governmental Member Voting Representatives for the purposes of enabling participation in ICC Code Development Activities are prohibited except for reimbursements by the ICC or its subsidiaries, a regional, state, or local chapter of the ICC, or a local, state or federal unit of government such Governmental Member Representative is representing. For the purposes of this policy, financial assistance includes the payment of expenses on behalf of the Governmental Member or Governmental Member Voting Representative. Governmental Member Voting Representatives may self-fund for purposes of participating in ICC Activities.
    - 2.1.2.** A Governmental Member accepting contributions of financial assistance from industry or other economic interests shall do so by action of its elected governing body or chief administrative authority. A Governmental Member Voting Representative may not directly accept financial assistance from industry or other economic interests.
    - 2.1.3.** Donations of technical services in support of a governmental member’s jurisdictional business activities are acceptable.
    - 2.1.4.** Any contributions to a Governmental Member of the ICC shall comply with applicable law, including but not limited to a Governmental Member’s ethics, conflict of interest or other similar rules and regulations.
  - 2.2. Certification.** When a Governmental Member is represented at an ICC Code Development Activity, it shall be required to provide a statement executed by its Primary Representative that certifies compliance by the Governmental Member and its Governmental Member Voting Representatives with this CP-36.
  - 2.3. Violations.** The Board of Directors, when it has determined that a violation of this policy has occurred, shall have authority to address such violations in such

manner as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, suspension of member benefits and privileges.

- 2.4. Disclosure.** ICC members, member representatives, and participants in the activities of the ICC are encouraged to disclose any perceived breaches of this policy. Disclosure shall be made by signed communication to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee of the ICC Board, in its discretion, shall have the authority to address questions related to funding. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be final and not appealable pursuant to CP 1, other than claims of fraud or misrepresentation, supported by reasonably credible evidence, that were material to the outcome of the Final Action Hearing.