

AABIP 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION | AUGUST 22 -24 | Charlotte, NC

EXHIBITOR APPOINTED CONTRACTORS (EAC) GUIDELINES

Please complete and return both EAC forms

Viper Tradeshow Services, acting on behalf of all exhibitors and in the best interest of the exposition, has appointed Official Service Contractors to perform and provide necessary services and equipment. Official Service Contractors are appointed to: ensure the orderly and efficient installation and removal of the overall exposition, assure the distribution of labor to all exhibitors according to need, provide sufficient labor to satisfy the requirements of the exhibitors, and for the exposition itself, see that proper type and limits of insurance are in force, and avoid any conflict with local union and/or exhibit hall regulations and requirements.

The Official Service Contractors will provide all usual trade show services, including labor. Exceptions are: the exhibitor may provide supervision; exhibitor may appoint an exhibit installation contractor or display builder.

Exhibitors may employ the service of independent contractors to install and dismantle their display, providing the exhibitor and the installation and dismantling contractor comply with the following requirements:

1. Exhibitor must notify in writing to Viper Tradeshow Services the intention to utilize an independent contractor (EAC) no later than 14 days prior to the first move-in day, furnishing the name, address, and telephone number of the firm.
2. EAC agrees to comply with all the rules and regulations of the show outlined in this agreement, the Exhibitor Kit, including all union rules and regulations and accept liability for any negligent actions.
3. EAC must provide certificates of insurance confirming the following required insurance:
 - i. Commercial General Liability, including contractual liability, with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000, \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$2,000,000 products and complete operations aggregate.
 - ii. Automobile Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit, each accident. All owned, hired, and non-owned boxes marked.
 - iii. Workers Compensation, as required by law, with Employers Liability limits of not less than \$1,000,000.
 - iv. Umbrella/Excess Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,00 each occurrence/aggregate.
 - v. All policies (except Worker's Compensation) will name Viper Tradeshow Services (Official Service Contractor), Show Management, Show, and the Facility as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis.
4. EAC agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Show Management, the Facility and Viper Tradeshow Services harmless from and against all claims, lawsuits, demands, liability, costs, and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of EAC's operations. EAC also agrees to reimburse Viper Tradeshow Services for all attorney fees and costs incurred in connection with all claims, lawsuits and counterclaims that should arise out of EAC's failure to adhere to the terms of this agreement.
5. Exhibitor agrees that they are ultimately responsible for all services in connection with their exhibit, including freight, drayage, rentals, and labor.
6. The EAC must have all business licenses, permits and Workers' Compensation insurance required by the state and city governments and the convention facility management prior to commencing work, and shall provide Show Management with evidence of compliance. If the EAC fails to provide the necessary documentation required, the Exhibitor will be required to use Viper Tradeshow Services for such services at the rates published in the Exhibitor Kit.
7. The EAC will provide Viper Tradeshow Services the number of on-site employees at the time of check-in and see that they have, and wear identification badges as determined by Show Management. No EAC will be permitted on the exhibit floor during show hours without the proper exhibit badges supplied by the exhibiting company.
8. The EAC shall be prepared to show evidence that it has valid authorization from the exhibitor for services. The EAC may not solicit business on the exhibit floor.
9. EAC/Exhibitor may not move freight from one booth to another booth or anywhere else within the Facility, Viper Tradeshow Services must provide labor.
10. The EAC must confine its operations to the exhibit area of its clients. No service desk, storage areas or other work facilities will be located anywhere in the building. The show aisles and public spaces are not a part of the exhibitor's booth space.
11. The EAC shall provide, if requested, evidence to Viper Tradeshow Services that it possesses applicable and current labor contracts and must comply with all labor agreements and practices. The EAC must not commit or allow to be committed by persons in its employment any acts that could lead to work stoppages, strikes or labor problems.
12. EAC will be responsible for all reasonable costs related to its operation. Where applicable a one-hour minimum labor charge will be charged at the appropriate labor rate per union to either the EAC or Exhibitor.
13. The exposition floor, aisles, loading docks, service and storage areas will be under the control of the official service contractor, Viper Tradeshow Services. The exhibitor appointed contractor must coordinate all its activities with Viper Tradeshow Services.
14. For services such as electrical, plumbing, telephone, cleaning and drayage, no contractor other than the official service contractor will be approved. This regulation is necessary because of licensing, insurance and work done on equipment and facilities owned by parties other than the exhibitor. Exhibitors shall provide only the material and equipment they own and is to be used in their exhibit space.
15. The EAC/Exhibitor should order services/rentals from Viper Tradeshow Services and the Facility vendors in advance. Ordering services onsite, which Viper Tradeshow Services may not be prepared to provide immediately upon request) may delay the set-up of the booth or force the setup into overtime.
16. The EAC/Exhibitor should arrange the protection of the product in the booth.
17. The EAC/Exhibitor should label empty containers/crates for storage as soon as they are ready. Holding back on empties adds to congestions to the aisles. Viper Tradeshow Services is not responsible for items left unattended on the show floor or any items stored in empty containers.
18. The EAC/Exhibitor agrees to turn in all outbound bills of lading at the Viper Service Desk on a timely basis. Turning in large amounts of freight bills at one time may delay the outbound loading and subsequently force the loading out into overtime.

I have read the Exhibitor Appointed Contractors section of this manual and understand the terms and conditions. I understand that all the contractors listed above must be approved by Viper Tradeshow Services. I understand it is my responsibility to see that each representative from any EAC for my company abides by the rules and regulations of the event. I also understand that any EAC listed above that is not approved by Viper Tradeshow Services will not be permitted on the floor.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Company: _____ Booth #: _____
Signature: _____

USE OF AN EAC NOTIFICATION

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Please be sure to read the Official Services & Exhibitor Appointed Contractors (EAC) Guidelines. Exhibitors who plan to have an EAC unpack, install, assemble, dismantle and pack displays, equipment or materials must provide this form to Viper Tradeshow Services no later than 14 days before the start of the move-in and see that their EAC adheres to the guidelines outlined on the previous page.

Notification of EAC: To be received no later than 14 days in advance

For Exhibitor (Company Name):

Show Name:

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Booth #: _____

Name of Service Firm (EAC): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Show Site Contact (if different from above) _____

Cell Phone #: _____

EAC Instructions

1. Refer to the Official Service & Exhibitor Appointed Contractors Guidelines form in this kit for additional requirements.
*Before submitting service order forms (including this one). Preferably before the early registration deadline.
2. Provide Viper Tradeshow Services the names of all exhibiting companies for whom they have orders on
*To be received no later than 14 days before move-in.
3. Check in at the Viper Tradeshow Services Service Desk to proceed with work on the floor
*Upon arrival at show site.

Viper Tradeshow Services reserves the right to refuse any Non-Official Service Contractor (EAC) access to the show floor if any of the above conditions are not met. If there is a problem providing the necessary information within the deadlines, Viper Tradeshow Services must be contacted in advance of the deadline.