TO: BIFMA Joint Committee Members
FROM: Mr. Jeff Olsen
DATE: October 5, 2020
SUBJECT: Proposed Addendum to the ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019 Furniture Sustainability Standard

Dear BIFMA e3 Joint Committee Members,

ANSI/BIFMA e3 issue 24 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for balloting. Please review the changes proposed to this Standard and submit your ballot by October 19, 2020, via the NSF Online Workspace (http://standards.nsf.org).

Please review all the ballot materials. When adding comments, please include the section number applicable to your comment and add all comments under one comment number whenever possible. If additional space is needed, you may upload a Word or .PDF version of your comments online via the browser function.

Purpose
This ballot will provide clarity in section 6 environmental impacts section for credits 6.4.2.4, 6.4.4.2, 6.6.2.1, and 6.6.2.2 specifically for retaining points during recertification periods. Also, calculating the Transportation Energy Inventory in 6.6.1.3 credit.

Background
Early this year we received two Interpretation Requests for BIFMA e3-2019. After discussions with the workgroup, it was decided that clarifying language would need to be updated in e3-2019. Our next discussions were to determine if such language could be added to the current standard or if it needed to be part of a new version. NSF met with ANSI and determined that we have the option to create an addendum. An addendum allows updated language to be included within the latest version of the standard and keep the same version. In this circumstance, if this ballot passes, the new language would be added to the current version of the standard, ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019. In July, a straw ballot was approved to allow this change (via straw ballot 5 and 6) to be officially balloted.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me.

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