

GEC Criteria Development Observer Agreement

Participants in GEC criteria development must acknowledge and agree to the following terms before engaging in meetings or receiving access to documents.

- 1) I acknowledge receipt of the [GEC Criteria Development Process \(P74\)](#) policies and procedures that governs the development of GEC Criteria, and agree to work collaboratively and in good faith to achieve the goals and objectives of GEC criteria development.
- 2) If accepting Observer membership on the Technical Committee, I acknowledge receipt of the [NSF International Criteria Development and Maintenance Procedures](#) that govern the activities of the voluntary consensus body, and accept the responsibilities of membership outlined therein.
- 3) I acknowledge that Observers of the Technical Committee:
 - Receive documents provided to the Technical Committee, such as meeting agendas and updates to the Full Draft Criteria Document.
 - May only observe meeting discussions, unless invited by the Technical Committee Chair to contribute to the meeting, either verbally or electronically.
 - Submit comments through the public consultation process.
 - Are limited to two representatives from an organization. Organizations with Technical Committee status are eligible to have one Technical Committee Observer.
- 4) Except for information approved for public dissemination by GEC or NSF (e.g., meeting minutes), I agree to keep confidential all information shared by participants or otherwise disclosed or made available in the process, unless the information is publicly available outside of the GEC criteria development process. I also agree to limit the distribution of draft or final work products of the criteria development process to individuals within my organization and only as necessary to advance the objectives of GEC criteria development.
- 5) I acknowledge that the names of all individuals and the organizations they represent, if applicable, participating in GEC criteria development are publicly available in accordance with [GEC Criteria Development Process \(P74\)](#).

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Date: _____



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- 3) When joining an Expert Ad Hoc Group or accepting an appointment to a Technical Committee, as a condition of membership and participation, I expressly acknowledge and agree that copyrights and all rights to materials produced by or for GEC criteria development are owned by GEC and that GEC will register the copyright in its own name.
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