

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,  
GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS OF ALBERTA (APEGGA)

AND

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF ALBERTA (CEA)

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## PURPOSE OF THE MOU

The purpose of this memorandum is to:

1. clarify and expand an earlier Joint CEA/APEGGA statement issued in 1983 to all members of both associations;
2. project an image of engineering which accurately reflects the contribution of the profession to society;
3. encourage the building of the image of the engineer and engineering profession to accurately reflect the professional contribution to society;
4. better serve CEA, APEGGA and the public with a more co-ordinated and effective voice for all engineers.

## ASSOCIATIONS' BACKGROUND

### APEGGA

#### **Mission Statement**

We serve the public interest by regulating the practices of engineering and geoscience in Alberta, by providing leadership for our professions, and by upholding our members in their professional practices.

#### **Vision Statement**

We will be a valued agent of excellence in professional practice and an internationally respected leader of the engineering and geoscience professions.

The Association is responsible for the administration of the *Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act* which regulates the practice of engineering, geology and geophysics in Alberta, in the interests of public safety and welfare.

The principle activities are:

- registration and licensing of individuals and organizations qualified to practice;
- discipline of members found to be guilty of unskilled practice or unprofessional conduct;
- enforcement of the provisions of the Act to ensure that only qualified, licensed members practice the professions in the Province of Alberta;
- communicate with public and government on matters relating to the profession;
- ongoing professional development of membership;
- encouragement and support for provincial education system.

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## CEA

### **Mission Statement**

Serves its members by providing leadership to foster a positive business environment and serves society by expanding the boundaries of and promoting the engineering industry as a catalyst for economic growth, wealth generation and the application of technology.

### **Vision Statement**

An effective, influential business organization representing a strong consulting engineering industry providing value and quality to society.

In 1978 CEA was registered as a society under *The Societies Act of Alberta*. A number of guiding parameters were established to:

- promote the utilization of Alberta engineers and consulting engineering firms;
- promote better client relations;
- promote and foster cordial relations between firms in the consulting engineering industry;
- be a member and support the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada (ACEC);
- develop regional participation in consulting engineering issues impacting society;
- co-ordinate engineering and professional issues with APEGGA, ACEC, and FIDC.

CEA's interests and responsibilities are to promote the business aspects of the consulting engineering industry in a manner consistent with the professional standards required by legislation as administered by APEGGA.

The professional engineering employees and principals of CEA members firms are required to be members of APEGGA and meet the professional requirements of engineering in every respect. CEA member firms also are required to hold Permits to Practice as authorized by APEGGA.

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## RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CEA and APEGGA each have national and international affiliations important to the profession and the consulting engineering industry.

### CEA

CEA is a member organization along with nine other provinces and two territories of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada (ACEC). Each member firm of CEA is automatically also a member firm of ACEC.

ACEC is in turn a member of International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), the international association of member organizations.

The provincial territorial, national and international associations provide an integrated voice on consulting engineering matters throughout the world.

### APEGGA

APEGGA is one of the twelve provincial and territorial constituents of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE), the national and international representative for the engineering profession. CCPE maintains a system of engineering program accreditation in Canada through its Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB).

The national body also maintains professional manpower inventories through its Canadian Engineering Human Resources Board (CEHRB), working in close cooperation with the federal government.

APEGGA maintains liaison with its provincial and territorial counterparts and numerous technical societies which include the Engineering Institute of Canada, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

## TECHNICAL SOCIETIES

CEA and APEGGA work closely with related learned technical societies in the interest of enhancing engineering and professionalism.

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## 1992 AGREEMENT

The Consulting Engineers of Alberta on the one part and the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists on the other part recognize that:

Alberta engineers must, in the best interests of Alberta, Western Canada, and the nation, develop the most effective means to:

- discharge their professional responsibilities to the public in a manner that consistently meets the high standards expected from a profession granted the privilege of self-governance;
- advocate the progressive development of the engineering profession;
- participate in the engineering societal and economic development of the region and nation;
- improve standards of excellence to surpass world competition;
- develop and apply technologies for the benefit of society.

These goals and responsibilities can best be attained through working in co-operation with one another, eliminating duplication of effort and yet respecting the clear and separate responsibilities each association has set out.

**WHEREAS the responsibilities of APEGGA include registration and discipline of all practitioners in accordance with the *EGGP Act* as well as providing leadership and professional development for its membership;**

**The activities of CEA generally include all business interests of the consulting engineering industry, except those interests which come under the application of the *EGGP Act*;**

**THEREFORE, it is agreed that the areas of responsibility are as follows:**

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### ASSOCIATIONS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Subject or Field	Leadership Responsibility	Supportive Responsibility
<b>Self Regulation:</b> 1. Administration of <i>EGGP Act</i> including, registration, licensing, discipline, enforcement and permits to practice.	APEGGA	
2. Accreditation and/or recognition of Canadian and foreign candidates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional competence</li> <li>• Business competence</li> </ul>	APEGGA CEA	
3. Enforcement of the <i>EGGP Act</i> and professional discipline.	APEGGA	
<b>Business Interests:</b> 1. Representation of the business interests of the consulting engineering industry.	CEA	
2. Proposal of recommended consulting engineering fees guidelines.	CEA APEGGA	
3. Advocate the qualifications-based selection (QBS) process for selecting engineering service firms.	CEA/APEGGA	
4. Promote and safeguard the image of the consulting engineering industry.	CEA	APEGGA
5. Promote professional and business responsibility within the consulting engineering industry.	CEA	APEGGA
<b>Leadership:</b> 1. Public recognition and profile of engineering as a respected and honoured profession.	APEGGA	CEA
2. Provincial and federal legislation affecting the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profession</li> <li>• Consulting Engineering Industry</li> </ul>	APEGGA CEA	APEGGA
3. Spokesman of Engineering issues on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profession</li> <li>• Consulting Engineering Industry</li> </ul>	APEGGA CEA	APEGGA CEA
4. University enrolment, program content, quality of graduates.	APEGGA	CEA

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## ASSOCIATIONS' OPERATING GUIDELINES

- Communicate and coordinate clear common messages to the Association, members, clients, governments and the public. Use exchange publication services as often as practical.
- Co-operate and develop a unified, integrated approach on issues of mutual interest to the profession of engineering.
- Resolve Association differences at board and council levels. Search for common position.
- Provide reciprocal volunteers on Association committees as requested and required.
- Establish Executive liaison meetings on a required twice per year basis or more often if required.

Other defined areas of responsibilities may be added from time to time as mutually agreed upon.

The original Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement was signed on April 21, 1992 by the following individuals:

**CEA:**

Darrel J. Danyluk, P.Eng.  
President

Allan C. Oliver, P.Eng.  
Executive Director

**APEGGA:**

Noel A. Cleland, P.Eng.  
President

Robert Ross, P.Eng.  
Executive Director & Registrar

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This updated Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement is signed this        day of        2006 with full commitment of the respective board and council to widely promote and foster the elements cited amongst the respective members and member firms in our associations.

We further pledge to be diligent in monitoring our boards, and councils, executives, and administrations to assure that to the maximum extent of this agreement is followed by the

**CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF ALBERTA**  
**and**  
**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,  
GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS OF ALBERTA.**

Signed:

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President, CEA  
Paul Breeze, P.Eng.

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President, APEGGA  
David Chalcroft, P.Eng.

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Executive Director, CEA  
Wendy Cooper

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Executive Director & Registrar, APEGGA  
H. Neil Windsor, P.Eng.

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