AAO 2023

AAO 2023: Nov. 3 – 6
Expo: Nov. 4 – 6
Subspecialty Day: Nov. 2 – 3

Exhibit Prospectus
Exhibit at AAO 2023

You cannot afford to miss AAO 2023 – Where all of ophthalmology meets*

Each year the Academy brings together the top leaders in the profession with physicians from across the world for a premier educational experience. When you participate in the Academy’s Expo you gain access to the largest gathering of ophthalmologists from every subspecialty.

More and more physicians and health professionals are returning to in-person meetings. They know the value of bringing our community together to problem solve and learn.

The Expo represents an invaluable opportunity for face-to-face engagement with your brand. In 2022, nearly 9,000 physicians and healthcare professionals gathered in Chicago.

Attendees reported that among their top takeaways from the 2022 meeting is a desire to spend more time in the Expo. They expressed excitement to:

- Network
- Learn about services
- Test out equipment
- Explore the latest technologies
- Hear talks
- Explore the latest technologies

Your participation helps to maintain strong relationships with current customers and attract new business. Companies that utilized the lead retrieval software collected on average 127 leads over the course of the event. Experience for yourself why 75% of exhibitor survey respondents say that the Academy’s annual meeting is considered a “must exhibit” event.

Get ready to join us in San Francisco!

American Academy of Ophthalmology
AAO 2022 Attendance and Demographics

Attendance

- **7,403** Physicians
- **1,557** Health Professionals
- **837** Spouses/Guests
- **5,401** Exhibitors
- **15,198** Total Attendance

**409** Exhibiting Companies

Subspecialty & Practice Data*

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**Total: 6,518**

* Data is collected during the registration process and from the Update Member Profile option on the Academy’s website. It is not an accurate representation of the total number of physicians who attended the meeting.

Leads By Date

- Pre-Show: 499
- Oct 1: 13,849
- Oct 2: 9,722
- Oct 3: 4,137
- Post-Show: 18

Leads By Time **

- 12:00 a.m. - 8:59 a.m.: 483
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:59 a.m.: 7,698
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:59 p.m.: 7,976
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:59 p.m.: 6,655
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:59 p.m.: 4,560
- 5:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.: 853

** Total Activity: 28,225

* Other includes: International Ophthalmology, Medical Education, Ocular Oncology, Ophthalmic Genetics, Ophthalmic Pathology, Other, Vision Rehab

** Leads by time is based on cumulative daily totals per time range.
Important Dates

As you prepare to exhibit, please take note of the following important dates:

- **March 1**: Hotel Meeting Space Opens
- **March 1**: Promotional Opportunities Sales Open
- **April 12**: Earn Two Points for Full Payment
- **May 15**: Last Day to Cancel or Downsize Exhibit Space Without Penalty
- **June 7**: Hotel Reservation Opens
- **July 12**: Exhibitor Registration Opens
- **July 14**: Final Booth Payment Due
- **July 15**: Exhibitor Service Kit Available
- **Sept. 1**: Exhibitor Designated Contractor (EDC) Authorization Form Due

A full list of dates and deadlines for AAO 2023 can be located on Exhibitor Central, aao.org/exhibitorcentral.
# Expo Schedule AAO 2023

**Registration:** Moscone South Lobby  
**Expo:** North, South and West

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* Approval to work past 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3 must be obtained from show management prior to 3 p.m. that day. There are no in and out privileges after 7 p.m.

** Expo closes Monday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 p.m. It will take approximately 5 – 6 hours for the empty crates to return. Cartons and cases will be returned first. Plan your booth dismantle and travel schedule appropriately. Plan to return on Tuesday, Nov. 7, to finalize your outbound details.

*** On Monday, Nov. 6 exhibit dismantle ends for the day at 10 p.m. with no in and out privileges after 7 p.m. An exhibitor may make a request to work until midnight by contacting show management prior to 3 p.m. that day.
Booth Types and Fees

**Linear Booths**

- 10’ x 10’ booth - $3,900
- 10’ x 20’ booth - $7,800

**Linear booths receive:**

- 8’ high back drape and 3’ high side drape
- 7” high x 44” wide identification sign
- Five Exhibitor Representative badges for each 10’ x 10’ booth purchased.

**Island Booths**

- $39 per net square foot

An island booth is defined as a booth with all sides exposed to an aisle. To determine the booth cost, multiply the size by $39 (e.g., 20’ x 20’ = 400 x $39 = $15,600).

Includes five Exhibitor Representative badges for each 100 sq. ft. of exhibit space purchased.

**Business Suites**

- 10’ x 20’ - $14,910
- 10’ x 30’ - $18,165
- 20’ x 20’ - $22,580
- 20’ x 30’ - $25,200

Includes walls, door, five Exhibitor Representatives badges per 100 sq ft of space purchased. Carpet, furniture and other services are the responsibility of the exhibiting company.

**Non-Profits**

Informational exhibits and posters are available to charitable associations or organizations with a tax-exempt status of 501(c)(3). Proof of tax-exemption paperwork must be submitted.

**Informational Exhibits are $1,950 and include:**

- 10’ x 10’ linear booth in the informational exhibit area
- 8’ high back drape and 3’ high side drape
- 7” high x 44” wide identification sign
- Five Exhibitor Representative badges for each 100 sq. ft. of exhibit space

**Informational Posters are $250 and include:**

- 48” high x 96” wide poster board
- Sign noting the poster number and title
- 4’ table and chair
- Two complimentary Exhibitor Representative badges

All exhibit space reservations include:

- Booth number identification on an adhesive-backed label located on aisle floor.
- Sleeping rooms, allocated by square footage of exhibit space, at official Academy hotels provided through our official hotel partner, Expovision.
- Opportunity to reserve meeting space at official Academy hotels.
- Company name, booth location and product information published in the online ShowMap floorplan, in the Mobile Meeting Guide, and in the printed EyeNet Exhibitor Guide.
- Company name and booth location printed in the Expo Floor Plan, distributed to all meeting attendees at Registration counters.
- Access to all scientific sessions except for Skills Transfer Program.
Adjacent and Shared Exhibit Space

Sharing of exhibit space is permitted only for divisions of the same company and those with exclusive distributing agreements.

- The minimum shared booth size is an island 20’x20’. Exhibitors in linear 10’x10’ booths must request adjacent booth space.
- Space is assigned based on the companies’ averaged priority points and ophthalmologic relevance rating.

To qualify, each company must:

- Respond “yes” to the Shared and Adjacent question on the Exhibit Space Application.
- Complete the Shared and Adjacent Request Form.
- Submit a formal letter outlining the business agreement and request to share exhibit space.
Exhibit Space Application

Online Submission

Companies who have previously exhibited will be emailed the Exhibitor Portal link.

- You will have five business days to log into the portal with your email address and password used last year.
- Complete the online application and select booth preferences from the available booth inventory.
- A mandatory 50% deposit is due when the application is submitted. **Exhibitors paying the full booth fee when they submit their space application will receive bonus priority points.**

Academy staff will review the submitted information, make an assignment, and generate an email confirmation. See “Assignment of Exhibit Space” below.

Exhibitors in the next sales cycles will be able to see previous booth assignments on the floor plan when they select their own booth options.

Third Parties

Exhibiting companies often engage the services of outside management firms to handle exhibit applications, details, promotional opportunities and events during the Academy’s annual meeting. These third parties are not Exhibitor Designated Contractors (EDC) as they do not, themselves, build the booth or provide other onsite booth services. Designated third parties are required to meet all deadlines as though they were the exhibitor.

In order for a third-party firm to work on behalf of an exhibitor, the exhibiting company must complete a **Third-Party Authorization Form.** The form is available in the Exhibitor Portal.

Alternatively, a third-party company representative may email exhibitions@ao.org for a Request for Third Party Authorization form.

For more information see page 15.

First Time Exhibitors: Eligibility to Exhibit

Eligibility to exhibit at the Academy’s annual meeting is determined solely by the Academy. Exhibits are generally restricted to companies whose products and services are related to ophthalmology or the medical field.

Companies that have not exhibited previously at an Academy annual meeting must be approved to exhibit and have to undergo a review. To initiate a review visit aao.org/annual-meeting/exhibitor/new-exhibiting-companies and follow the instructions. You will need to submit the following:

- A brief summary about your company.
- Your website information.
- Reason for exhibiting statement.
- List of product(s) or service(s) you intend to exhibit/promote at the Academy’s annual meeting.
- Digital example(s) of your sales materials.

Due to numerous complaints, companies with cosmetic products and services are no longer invited to participate in the Academy meeting.
Assignment of Exhibit Space

Exhibit space is assigned preferentially according to the exhibiting company’s earned priority points and ophthalmologic relevance rating.

Priority Points

The priority point ranking is calculated on the company’s points from the prior three years. The AAO 2023 rankings are, therefore, based on the points accumulated for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Priority points are awarded for the following activities:

• One (1) point for each 100 square feet of exhibit space purchased.
• Two points for full payment by the full payment deadline.
• Two points for completing the exhibitor survey
• Two points for utilizing 95% - 100% of the initial hotel room block reserved
• One point per $5,000 spent on Academy and Foundation Support, Advertising and Promotional Opportunities, with no cap on points earned.

For more information, please visit the Priority Points page of the Academy’s website at aao.org/annual-meeting/exhibitor/priority-points or contact exhibitions@aao.org with questions regarding your company’s accrued points.

Ophthalmologic Relevance Rating

The ophthalmologic relevance rating is based on how closely an exhibiting company’s primary products or services relate to the science and practice of ophthalmology.

• Category A is composed of exhibitors of products and services exclusively concerned with ophthalmologic diagnosis, treatment and surgery.
• Category B is composed of exhibitors of peripheral products and services, exhibitors displaying used equipment and companies conducting market research.

Mergers and Acquisitions

Companies that have merged with, have been purchased by, or who have purchased another company may use the exhibit history of whichever company is most favorable, but not the combined history of multiple companies.

• The Academy must be notified in writing that the acquisition or merger between companies has been completed, along with the effective date of this change.
• The sale of a product, product line, certain technologies, or certain assets to another company will be considered in the transfer of priority points only to the extent determined by the Academy in its sole discretion.

A company that decides to exhibit independently from its parent company, or that undergoes reorganization and secures individual exhibit space, will retain the points accrued by the parent company.
Payment Terms and Cancellation Policy

Payment Terms

- **A 50% deposit** is due at the time the exhibit space application is submitted. Exhibit space will not be assigned until the deposit is received.
- **Two bonus priority points** will be awarded to those who make a full payment for the exhibit space at the time they submit their exhibit space application.
- Final booth payment is due on **Friday, July 14**.

Exhibitors with outstanding balances:

- 30 days past the final payment date will incur priority point penalties.
- Will not be listed in the Mobile Meeting Guide.
- Booth freight will not be delivered until the account balance is paid.

Credit Card Payments

Select the Make Payment option in the Exhibitor Portal to make a credit card payment. You may adjust the amount shown before entering the credit card information when paying less than the full amount. When paying by credit card, you will need the card holder’s name and billing address.

Check Payments

Checks are to be drawn on U.S. bank accounts, made Payable to American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Send check payments by **express mail** to:

**American Academy of Ophthalmology**  
Attn: Exhibitions Department  
655 Beach Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Send check payments by **standard mail** to:

**American Academy of Ophthalmology**  
PO Box 884045*  
Los Angeles, CA 90088-4045

*Do not attempt to send express mail to a post office box!

Cancellation Policy

Notification of an exhibitor’s decision to cancel assigned exhibit space must be submitted in writing. Cancellation of exhibit space means that the exhibitor:

- forfeits access to AAO 2023;
- forfeits the use of the assigned exhibit space; and
- releases previously assigned hotel rooms and meeting space.

Cancellation/Downsize Schedule

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Electronic Payments

**Wells Fargo Bank, NA**  
420 Montgomery St  
San Francisco, CA 94014

Account Name: American Academy of Ophthalmology  
Account number: 4121478242  
ACH: Routing number: 121000248

EFT: U.S. Wire Transfers: ABA number: 121000248

International Wire Transfer: SWIFT Code: WFBIPS6S

When using one of these electronic methods of payment, include the exhibiting company name on the documentation.

Note that the payment is “For benefit of American Academy of Ophthalmology.”
Hotel Reservations

The Academy has contracted hotel sleeping rooms at over fifty San Francisco hotels for AAO 2023. Hotels included in the Academy’s block are considered official hotels. A portion of the contracted sleeping rooms in each hotel are allocated for exhibitor assignment.

Exhibitor hotel reservations will open in two tiers:

- Tier one opens by paper form for companies that actualized 20 or more rooms on peak night at AAO 2021 and/or AAO 2022 and the top 50 companies in priority points
- Tier two opens online in June for all other exhibitors.

More information will be included in the Exhibitor Hotel Brochure available in May.

You will earn 2 priority points for utilizing 95% of the original hotel block secured with Expovision the official Hotel service.

Hotel Meeting Space

The Academy holds meeting space in official AAO 2023 hotels for alumni, exhibitors and related group events. Space is reserved only for confirmed exhibitors, medical institutions and ophthalmic non-profits.

Check [aao.org/meeting_space](http://aao.org/meeting_space) for:

- List of official Academy meeting space hotels
- Hotel meeting space hours
- Instructions to reserve hotel meeting space

Exhibitor Registration

The Exhibitor Registration website will open on Wednesday, July 12 and remain open through the annual meeting.

Exhibiting companies receive five complimentary badges per 100 square feet of exhibit space purchased.

For more information on registration types, fees, important dates and policies go to page 11.
Promotional Options at AAO 2023

All marketing and advertising options during the Academy’s annual meeting are available exclusively to exhibiting companies. If a company has contracted with a third party to secure opportunities on their behalf, a Third Party Authorization Form must be on file with the Academy. See page 15 for more information about third parties.

Promotional Opportunities

Visit [aao.org/promo-opps](http://aao.org/promo-opps) to view a listing of all options available within the convention center and advertising in print meeting materials.

Requests to purchase these promotional opportunities are submitted through the Exhibitor Portal. The Academy reviews all requests as they come in and assigns specific opportunities on a first-come basis.

Additional Options

Official vendor partners and other Academy business divisions offer additional marketing and advertising options for AAO 2023. These options are not reserved through the Exhibitor Portal, rather exhibiting companies will contract and work directly with these partners. Opportunities include:

- Academy pre-registrant mailing list rental
- EyeNet Magazine advertising
- Hotel door drop
- Outdoor/citywide options
- Supporting educational activities through the American Academy of Ophthalmology Foundation
- Web banner and e-newsletter advertising

Visit [aao.org/promo-opps](http://aao.org/promo-opps) to find a list of contacts and links for specific information.

Sponsored Symposia

The Academy does not offer sponsored symposia. Exhibiting companies can, however, secure hotel meeting space for a symposium or event. The Academy will post a complimentary listing of activities that use hotel meeting space on our website and in the Mobile Meeting Guide. We encourage you to promote your events through promotional opportunities provided by the Academy.

Media Materials

Exhibiting companies can supply appropriate media materials for distribution in the Academy newsroom onsite. These materials should be formatted as news releases and press kits. No sales literature or promotional items will be permitted.

Company representatives may leave written messages for reporters in the newsroom, but representatives are otherwise prohibited from holding news conferences and making uninvited contact with reporters in or around the newsroom.

See the Rules and Regulations section of the Exhibit Guide for more information about media activities.
Registration

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is committed to nurturing an ophthalmology community that optimally meets the complex eye care needs of a diverse patient population and our communities.

Diversity refers to the variety of personal experiences, values, and views that define our unique differences along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, language, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geographic region, and more.

As diversity becomes increasingly important for overall health equity, the profession of ophthalmology and individual ophthalmologists, the Academy recommends that you consider diversity when making staff assignments for your exhibit booth.

Health and Safety

The Academy is committed to the health and well-being of our meeting attendees, exhibitors, staff and meeting contractors.

Due to the fluidity of the situation, specific safety protocols will be announced later based on best practices as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and mandates from both the State of California and City of San Francisco. Safety protocols may include proof of vaccination for entry to the meeting as well as mandatory mask wearing.

Policies

All company employees and representatives are required to wear their personal Academy-issued exhibitor meeting badge at all times while on Moscone Center premises. The badge must not be altered, added to, or defaced in any manner. A company badge will not be accepted in lieu of the official badge.

Representatives must be able to present photo identification that matches the name on the badge they are wearing upon request.

The Academy has a zero-tolerance policy for badge swapping. Those found swapping badges or wearing a badge that does not match their photo identification will have their badge confiscated and will be escorted from the premises. The exhibiting company will be penalized priority points they were to accrue for that year.

Exhibitor Representatives

AAO 2023 Exhibitor Representatives are full-time company employees who staff your exhibit, attend the meeting, or both. The following groups are not considered exhibitor representatives and MAY NOT BE REGISTERED AS EXHIBITOR REPRESENTATIVES of exhibiting companies:

• Exhibitor Designated Contractor (EDC) Personnel (please read EDC section)
• Potential exhibitors
• Physicians (unless full-time company employees)
• Individuals who wish to gain access for the purpose of making contacts
• Leasing companies
• Financial institutions or
• Vendors
Registration (continued)

Distributors and Independent Representatives

Distributors are representatives of another company who have inventory and sell the exhibiting company’s products.

Independent Representatives do not have inventory, but sell the exhibiting company products, in specific geographic locations.

When registering these individuals online, you must select the appropriate personnel type Distributor or Independent Representative, include their company name in the Division field and provide their individual email address.

This information makes it easier for your Distributors and Independent representatives to receive their badge.

Optometrists

Optometrists (ODs) who are full time exhibiting company employees may only be registered as an Exhibitor Representative to staff the booth.

Optometrists (ODs) are not allowed to attend any portion of the AAO 2023 program or Subspecialty Day meetings.

Access

During the meeting, an exhibitor who has their personal Academy-issued exhibitor meeting badge may enter the exhibit hall two hours prior to the opening of the exhibition and may remain in the hall one hour after the close. Meetings in the exhibit halls with medical attendees and other individuals not associated with the exhibits may take place only during official exhibit hours. These individuals must have proper badges and cannot gain access to the exhibit hall except during official exhibit hours.

One exhibitor may not enter another exhibitor’s booth without the other exhibitor’s approval. Academy representatives and employees shall have free access to any exhibit at all times in the performance of their assigned duties.

Exhibitor Representatives may attend all annual meeting general conference educational activities. They may not purchase tickets for Skills Transfer courses, AAOE Coding Sessions, or AAOE Master Classes. They may register for Subspecialty Day separately.
Registration (continued)

Representatives of commercial companies attending an educational activity may not participate in the discussion or engage in company promotion or sales activities while in the room, or outside the room where the educational activity takes place. This includes Academy educational areas in the exhibit hall.

The Exhibitor Representative badge does not allow access to the virtual meeting or Subspecialty Day meetings. See Online Registration below for details on registering for either meeting at additional cost.

Registration Types and Fees

Exhibitor Representatives

Exhibiting companies receive five (5) complimentary Exhibitor Representative badges per 100 square feet of exhibit space purchased for company employees, distributors and independent representatives.

Associations or organizations that secure an Informational Poster are provided two (2) complimentary Exhibitor Representative badges for individuals who will staff the poster during exhibition hours.

**Fee:** Complimentary

Paid Exhibitor Representative

Exhibiting companies can pay for two additional representatives, over their complimentary allotment, per ten-foot by ten-foot (10’ x 10’) booth or 100 square feet of space assigned.

**Fee:**
- $200  July 12 – Oct. 4
- $300  Oct. 5 – Nov. 6

Once registered, a paid virtual representative can register separately to attend Subspecialty Day.

Subspecialty Day Commercial Representative

Using the link in their email confirmation, representatives can register to attend Subspecialty Day meetings, in-person or virtually.

**Fee:**
- $725  July 12 – Aug. 16
- $750  Aug. 17 – Oct. 4
- $775  Oct. 5 – Nov. 6

Subspecialty day registration rates subject to change. Misuse of the Exhibitor Registration types will result in the cancellation of registrations and priority point penalization.

Online Registration

The Exhibitor Registration website will open on Wednesday, July 12 and remain open through the annual meeting. A unique valid email address is required for each individual registrant. The online registration system allows exhibiting companies to make additions, changes, and deletions to their list of registrants as needed. From July 12 through the close of the annual meeting exhibiting companies can:

- Register:
  - Exhibitor Representatives
  - Paid Exhibitor representative
  - Paid Virtual Representatives
- Edit representatives
- Send email confirmations to registrants
- Review and print a list of registrants

Registered representatives can register to attend Subspecialty Day and/or access the virtual meeting using the link(s) in their registration confirmation email.
Registration (continued)

Onsite Registration

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1 Academy staff in Exhibitor Registration will assist the primary or secondary meeting contact with registration changes (additions and substitutions to, or deletions from the company’s list of registrants) at no cost until Thursday, Nov. 2. Requests to process additions, substitutions, or deletions after Thursday, Nov. 2 will result in a $50 processing fee.

It is the responsibility of the exhibiting company to register their representatives prior to arriving in San Francisco.

There will be a $100 charge for staff in Exhibitor Registration to register a company’s entire list of representatives.

Badge Distribution

*The Academy does not mail exhibitor badges. All badges are available for onsite distribution only.*

- Individual Representatives can pick up their badges during exhibitor registration hours at any available counter in the exhibitor registration area.
  - See the Expo Schedule on page 3 for Exhibitor Registration hours.
- Representatives MUST present their photo identification AND proof of company affiliation to receive their badge.
- To avoid long lines, advise Representatives to pick up their badges on Friday, Nov. 3.
Exhibitor Designated Contractors and Third Parties

Third Parties

The American Academy of Ophthalmology defines Third Parties as companies hired by an exhibitor to handle: advertising & promotions, exhibit booth details & logistics, hotel reservations, and/or meetings & events.

These third parties are not Exhibitor Designated Contractors (EDC) as they do not build the booth or provide other onsite booth services as described in the next column.

Designated third parties are required to meet all deadlines as though they were the exhibitor.

Authorization

In order for a third-party firm to work on behalf of an exhibitor, the exhibiting company must complete a Third-Party Authorization Form. The form is available on the Checklist in the Exhibitor Portal.

Alternatively, a third-party company representative may make a Request for Third Party Authorization by completing the form posted on Exhibitor Central and submitting it to exhibitions@aao.org.

The submission of the Third-Party Authorization Form is not accepted in lieu of the Exhibitor Designated Contractor Authorization Form and the required certificate of insurance for contractors hired to perform a service. Please review the Exhibitor Designated Contractor section for more information.

Exhibitor Designated Contractors

Exhibitor Designated Contractors (EDCs) are companies hired to perform a service for the exhibiting company’s booth during installation, dismantle and/or show dates such as:

- Audio Visual
- Installation & Dismantle
- Supervision
- Other Specialty Service (eg engraving, photography)

An Exhibitor Designated Contractor (EDC) is any company, other than one of the designated official contractors, that provides a service to the exhibitor and needs access to the exhibition during installation, dismantle, and exhibition dates.

EDCs are not permitted to perform, and exhibitors may not designate a contractor for, any of the following services:

- Booth cleaning (includes vacuuming)
- Electrical services
- Internet
- Material handling
- Plumbing
- Rigging/hanging signs
- Security
- Telecommunications

To designate a contractor, complete the online EDC Authorization form by **Friday, Sept. 1**.
Exhibitor Designated Contractors and Third Parties (continued)

Failure to submit the form by the deadline will result in the exhibiting company being required to use labor provided by Freeman for installation and dismantle, and other official contractors for other services.

Exhibitors who are in the process of selecting an EDC should contact Felix Suarez, Exhibitions Manager at fsuarez@ao.org prior to Friday, Sept. 1 for instructions on how to proceed.

Exhibitors approved for early move-in on Monday, Oct. 30 understand they must use labor provided by Freeman. Independent contractors may begin working on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The EDC Authorization Form will be available in the Exhibitor Portal in June.

Documentation

All EDCs are required to have a Certificate of Insurance (COI) and Onsite Contact Information on file with the Academy in order to have access to the Expo. Monday, Sept. 25 is the deadline for receipt of this documentation. Independent contractors whose documentation is not received by this date, or those whose documentation is incomplete, will not be allowed access to the exhibit floor.

It is the exhibiting companies’ responsibility to ensure the Academy receives this documentation.

Certificate of Insurance

The Certificate of Insurance MUST be an original and:

- Be in effect from October 30, 2023 through November 8, 2023;
- List the exhibiting company name(s) and booth number(s).

Onsite Contact Form

This contact form provides the Academy with the following information for each designated contractor:

- Name and contact information for booth Account Manager or Representative
- Exhibiting company name and booth number
- Onsite supervisor name and cell phone number
- 24-hour emergency phone number

The Onsite Contact Form will be available online in the Exhibitor Portal for independent contractors after the exhibiting company has submitted the online EDC Authorization Form.

Badges

Exhibitor Designated Contractor (EDC) personnel are not to be registered as exhibitor representatives. The Academy will badge the EDC personnel as Exhibitor Designated Contractors.

- The EDC badge allows access to the exhibition during installation, dismantle, and the meeting dates.
- Badges will be issued with the individual’s name and company’s name.
- EDC Supervisors can provide names for badges to staff in Exhibitor Registration beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1.

All EDC personnel will require an EDC badge for access to the exhibit hall Saturday, Nov. 4.
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Booth Staffing

Exhibits must be staffed each day during exhibit hours until the close of the show at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6.

- Staff must wear their personal Academy-issued exhibitor meeting badge while onsite.
- Company representatives are expected to dress and conduct themselves in a professional manner, consistent with a medical meeting.

Booth Activities

The purpose of the exhibits is to further the education of meeting attendees through product and service displays and demonstrations. Order-taking and sale of exhibited products is permitted.

All activities within the booth must be conducted in an appropriately professional and businesslike manner. The Academy reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine what is acceptable within the Expo. Academy staff or their representatives may restrict at any time a display, demonstration, presentation or activity deemed inappropriate or undesirable. In the event of such restriction, the Academy will assume no liability for any expenses incurred by the affected company.

Sales

- Exhibitors are encouraged to bring and distribute bags, preferably made of recycled or sustainable material, for attendees to carry their purchased items or product information. Bags may not exceed 14” x 16”. Send a sample for approval by Sept. 22 to La Shon Smith, Director, Exhibitions at lsmith@aao.org.
- If an exhibitor sells a product on the exhibit floor that cannot be carried out of the exhibit hall by hand, arrangements must be made to have the product shipped to the customer.
- Attendees will not be allowed on the exhibit floor after the exhibit hall closes on Monday, Nov. 6, to complete transactions.
- It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to secure any licenses or permits that might be required and collect and remit all city and state sales taxes.
- The Academy reserves the right to restrict sales activities that it deems inappropriate or unprofessional.

Audio Visual Components in Exhibits

The Academy reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine when sound levels from audio visual equipment constitute interference with others or becomes unacceptable. Sound complaints will be addressed immediately and if not resolved, show management reserves the right to shut down power until the issue is resolved.

Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining appropriate licenses for any copyrighted music used in their exhibit.

Noise abatement policy:

- All booth elements must remain within the officially contracted booth space. This includes all truss work, lighting, audio equipment, speakers, etc.
- Live presentations in an open display should use a sound chamber or acoustically contained area to keep the sound level from intruding on any adjacent exhibits.
- Audio speakers of any kind must be directed toward the interior of the booth space rather than face aisles or neighboring exhibits.

Restrictions on In-Booth Demonstrations/Promotions/Activities/Presentations

- Live human-subject demonstrations of techniques on the exhibit hall floor are prohibited.
- Product demonstrations, promotions, activities or presentations that may be questionable or lack credible scientific support must be pre-approved by La Shon Smith, Director, Exhibitions. Once approved, appropriate and prominent disclaimer signage must be displayed onsite. The Academy reserves the right to cancel any activity that does not have the appropriate disclaimers or for which the Academy did not receive proper notification.
Rules and Regulations (continued)

- Decorative and cosmetic contact lenses are linked to serious eye disorders and infections. They may not be sold, displayed, distributed, promoted or otherwise marketed at the meeting.

**Drawings, Raffles & Games of Chance**

Drawings, raffles and games of chance are permitted at the Academy’s annual meeting within specific guidelines (see below). Complete details of these activities are to be submitted for review on the Additional Booth Activities form due Sept. 22. The Academy reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit booth activity that it deems inappropriate in the context of the professional purpose of the exhibition.

Drawings and raffles may be conducted by an exhibitor in their booth provided the following conditions are met:

- The item(s) to be awarded are modest in value and/or educational in nature.
- All professional attendees must be eligible to enter.
- No purchase is necessary.
- The activity does not interfere with or cause a disturbance to neighboring exhibitors.
- The exhibitor is responsible for notifying the winner and to make the arrangements for the prize transfer.

It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to decide what types of activities are appropriate based on their own compliance office and standards of industry conduct. Exhibitors are responsible for compliance with all state and local laws. Exhibitors are also expected to follow the AMA, PhRMA, and AdvaMed guidelines for interactions with healthcare professionals.

A simple Game of Chance (roll of dice or spin of wheel) is permitted to:

- Draw booth traffic
- Determine discounts on the products or services the exhibitor is displaying and selling.

**Giveaways**

Exhibiting companies may distribute descriptive product literature and samples of their listed products to each booth visitor. Distribution of approved items must not create a nuisance or cause interference with adjoining exhibits. Exhibitors who wish to distribute items of an educational nature other than product samples must submit a request in writing to La Shon Smith, Director, Exhibitions by Sept. 22.

Samples of giveaways sent to the Academy for review will not be returned.

Companies regulated by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America’s (PhRMA) codes governing interactions with healthcare professionals, and supporting similar changes from the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), may giveaway items designed primarily for the education of patients or healthcare professionals. They are not allowed to giveaway pens, pencils, notepads, small desk clocks, pocket calculators, desk calendars and mousepads.

Prescription drug samples may be distributed to physicians only in accordance with the Prescription Drug Marketing Act.

**Display of Drugs and Devices not Approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

Exhibitors with non-FDA-approved products must complete the General Liability Agreement in the Exhibitor Portal by Sept. 22 indemnifying the Academy for losses arising out of the exhibition of investigational products or the violation of these policies.

In accordance with U.S. Law, exhibitors may not sell and deliver non-FDA approved products to U.S. physicians at the Academy’s annual meeting. Exhibitors agree not to sell, promote or distribute in any fashion any non-approved product, in whole or in part, during or in connection with the Academy’s annual meeting to U.S. attendees.

Exhibitors may sell and deliver non-FDA approved products to non-U.S. physicians if they adhere to all
Rules and Regulations (continued)

applicable U.S. laws and regulations. Exhibitors may, therefore, market and conduct sales activities for non-approved products solely to attendees who are non-U.S. doctors exclusively for sales outside the United States, provided that such activities follow the relevant laws of any such non-U.S. jurisdiction.

You can find further information and guidance on the subject at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

Any investigational product marketed within the exhibit is subject to the following rules:

- Use only objective statements about the product
- Contain no claims of safety, effectiveness, or reliability
- Contain no claims about how the product compares with marketed products
- Must be accompanied by directions for becoming an investigator and a list of investigator responsibilities
- Easily visible signage must be placed near the device or drug and on any graphic depicting the device or drug. Acceptable statements:
  - This device is not cleared by the FDA for distribution in the United States.
  - This device is limited by federal law to investigational use only.
  - Caution—Investigational Device—Limited to Investigational Use

Penalties for noncompliance to these rules and regulations include:

- The Academy, in its sole discretion, will immediately shut down the exhibitor’s booth for the remainder of the meeting.
- The exhibitor will not be entitled to a refund.
- The exhibitor may face legal action from the U.S. government for failing to comply with the appropriate rules and regulations.
- The exhibitor may not be invited to participate in future meetings.

Lasers and Other Hazardous Light Sources

Exhibitors planning to display laser equipment including low level laser (light) therapy or other hazardous light sources must complete the Laser and Light Safety Form in the Exhibitor Portal by Sept. 22.

Laser safety information and additional guidelines for displaying or demonstrating a laser or other hazardous light source will be sent after the submission of the Laser and Light Safety Form.

The Academy’s Laser and Light Safety Working Group (LLSWG) will conduct an inspection of all lasers and hazardous light sources on Nov. 3.

- The inspections will begin at 5:00 p.m. and should conclude within two hours.
- The company-appointed person responsible for all exhibited lasers (displayed or demonstrated) must be present when the LLSWG representatives inspect these lasers, or their company will lose priority points.
- All lasers must pass inspection for mechanical stability, beam termination, enclosure reflections and beam access, or proper labeling.
- At the time of the inspection, all lasers that are being inspected for demonstration approval, must be fully operational as they would be during the exhibition hours.

The Academy will not allow operation of a health care laser system that has not been approved by a recognized regulatory agency unless it is accompanied by a detailed safety analysis by a laser safety professional.

If a non-FDA approved health care laser system has a CE mark, it will be inspected by the LLSWG who will determine its suitability for operation during the meeting. The exhibiting company must have available, at the exhibit site, an operator’s manual containing safe operating instructions for these lasers.

Any laser system without a regulatory approval must be accompanied by a laser safety professional’s detailed safety review that will be made available to the LLSWG.
Rules and Regulations (continued)

during the inspection. The review of this document will
determine whether that laser may be operated during
the meeting. This requirement includes Class I laser
systems designed for diagnostic purposes.

• Exhibitors demonstrating or displaying lasers must
comply with all provisions of ANSI Z136.1.
• Any laser employed as a laser light show must have
a variance from FDA/CDRH.
• Compressed gas or compressed liquid cylinders
used in the booth must be securely anchored to
prevent toppling. Only a one-day, secured supply
will be allowed in the display area.
• Companies operating lasers with non-FDA approved
software must notify the Academy and label the
instrument following the non-FDA guidelines above.
• Any tissues used in demonstrations must be
disposed of through the official waste disposal
contractor. See the Wet Labs section below.

Wet Labs

Laser or instrument demonstration on tissue, either
human or bovine, constitutes a wet lab. The same
type of demonstration on fruits or vegetables is not
considered a wet lab.

An exhibitor planning to conduct a wet lab on the
exhibit floor must indicate this on the Exhibit Space
Application. In addition, exhibitors must complete the
online Wet Lab Request, found in the Exhibitor Portal
by Sept. 22.

Exhibitors may only allow physicians to participate in
the wet lab.

An exhibitor using human or bovine tissue is required to
use the official infectious waste disposal contractor and
will be charged for medical waste disposal according to
the number of wet lab stations in the booth.

• One to four wet lab stations: $250
• Five or more wet lab stations: $375

A floor manager will contact the individual charged
with managing the wet lab onsite to provide complete
instructions for obtaining supplies (red bags, boxes
and sharp containers) and the drop-off locations for
medical waste.

Any company that fails to follow these directions will be
penalized the priority points they were to accrue for the
meeting and may be prohibited from operating a wet
lab at future Academy meetings.

Helium Balloons

Helium balloons are not permitted as part of an
exhibitor’s display.

Photographing and Videotaping

An exhibitor may photograph or videotape their own
booth during construction or during the meeting, before
or after exhibit hall hours. Security arrangements for
these activities outside the show hours must be made in
advance, at the exhibitor’s expense.

If hiring a photographer or videographer for the meeting,
the exhibitor must designate those vendors as Exhibitor
Designated Contractors. See the Exhibitor Designated
Contractor section on page 15 of this Prospectus.

Exhibitors understand and agree that photographs
of their exhibit will be taken by the official show
photographer while documenting the annual meeting.
Exhibitors agree that photos of their booth, possibly
containing logos and trademarks may appear without
restriction, in promotional and other documents
produced by the Academy.

An exhibitor may not photograph or videotape any
other company’s exhibit booth or presentation. This
activity will result in the loss of priority points.
Rules and Regulations  (continued)

Marketing Policies

The Academy reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine what is acceptable publicity and advertising related to the annual meeting and Expo. This includes advertisements in other media that refer to AAO 2023 or to marketing within Moscone Center. The Academy may restrict, at any time, an advertisement, display, demonstration, presentation or activity it deems inappropriate or undesirable. In the event of such restriction, the Academy will assume no liability for any expenses incurred by the affected company.

• No exhibitor shall, without permission, use the name of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, or any symbol, logo, trademark, or service mark identified therewith, in any manner representing that the exhibitor or its products or services possess the approval or endorsement or are associated or affiliated with the Academy.

• Product literature, both printed and visual, must be in accord with the professional nature of AAO 2023.

• To prevent misunderstandings, promotional copy for exhibitor meetings, booth presentations, seminars, events, functions and gatherings may not use the phrase “in conjunction with the Academy,” or use similar language that in any way states, conveys, or implies Academy sponsorship, endorsement, joint presentation, or support. Exhibitors may use the statements: “at AAO 2023” or “during AAO 2023” in their promotional copy.

• All promotional copy must include a disclaimer that the meeting, booth presentation, seminar, event, function or gathering is not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2023. Failure to comply with this policy may result in priority point forfeiture.

• Exhibitors may not reference the Academy’s scientific program, such as poster or course titles, in their promotional materials nor use any terminology similar to Academy terms, such as Break With the Experts, etc.

• Exhibitors must check the Academy’s copyrighted and trademarked terms as they may not be used in marketing materials.

• Exhibitors may use the annual meeting promotional banner in their email correspondence below their signature or on their web site. It must be linked to the Academy web page, aao.org/2023.

Marketing Outside Your Booth

All product and service demonstrations, interviews, instructional activities and distribution of promotional literature within Moscone Center must be confined to the limits of the assigned exhibit space.

• Representatives of commercial companies may attend an educational activity, but they may not participate in the discussion or engage in sales activities while in the room, or outside the room, where the educational activity takes place. This includes Academy educational areas on the Expo floor.

• Per Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) guidelines no commercial promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed in the same room, immediately before, during or after, an educational activity that is certified for credit takes place.

• Any person canvassing outside his or her company’s exhibit booth will be asked to vacate the building and the exhibiting company will be penalized priority points.
Rules and Regulations (continued)

Marketing Free Zone

The Academy has created a marketing free zone around the immediate vicinity of Moscone Center. Exhibitors are prohibited from all street marketing activities in these areas which include: segways, street teams, decals or literature distribution. The Academy also restricts exhibitors from conducting these marketing activities on the property of official hotels.

Contact exhibitions@aao.org for a map of the restricted area.

Smoking

The Academy prohibits smoking in all meeting and exhibit areas.

Violation of Rules and Regulations

As a condition for exhibiting, each exhibitor, and their representatives and agents, agrees to observe all policies, terms, rules and regulations as laid out in this Exhibit Prospectus. Those who violate these conditions will be penalized. Examples of potential penalties include:

First violation: The Company does not accrue priority points for its participation for the year.

Second violation: The Company loses 50 percent of its accrued priority points.

Third violation: The Company loses the remaining 50 percent of its accrued priority points.

Fourth violation: The Company is not eligible to exhibit at future Academy meetings.

The Academy reserves the right to impose additional or harsher penalties in the event of:

• An egregious violation,
• Engagement in practices that are unfair or deceptive, or
• Repeated failure to observe the policies, terms, rules, and regulations over time.

At its sole discretion, the Academy may determine to close an exhibit onsite or refuse applications for exhibit space in a future year.

Infractions of the spirit of the policies, terms, rules, and regulations by a current or potential exhibitor at any time may be considered in determining whether to accept an application to exhibit at any Academy meeting.
Booth Design

Exhibits must conform to the professional and scientific atmosphere of the meeting and are subject to onsite review.

• Exhibitors may not install any permanent fixtures or deface the building. Upon conclusion of the meeting, they must leave the exhibit space in the same condition that it was received.

• An exhibit must follow all local, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations that are in force or applicable during the meeting, including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992, as amended.

• An exhibitor’s signage and booth graphics may identify only the company named on the Exhibit Space Application as well as the products or services they manufacture and sell.

• Any modifications to booth design or installation deemed necessary onsite will be at the exhibitor’s expense.

• Certain booths may require Fire Watches, electrical ventilation, smoke detection devices, fire extinguishers, multiple exits, etc., as required by Fire Prevention Officials. See below for Fire Department Regulations.

Linear Booths

All linear booths have:

• Black backwall drape at a uniform eight-foot (8’) height
• Black side drape at a three-foot (3’) height

All components of the booth design are to remain within the boundaries of the exhibit space.

• The maximum allowable height of products and display materials is eight feet (8’).
• Display materials greater than four feet (4’) in height must be a minimum of five feet (5’) back from the front aisle.
• Where necessary, a drape will be installed, at the exhibitor’s expense, to cover exposed or unfinished parts of a display.
• Linear booths cannot have hanging signs.

All booths must be carpeted with a standard nine-foot by ten-foot (9’ x 10’) covering. Exhibitors may not use smaller pieces of material to cover the floor unless it is an interlocking system that creates a single covering. Booths not carpeted in this manner by 3:00 p.m. on Friday will be supplied with carpet and charged accordingly by Freeman.
Island Booths

Island exhibits must be designed to allow both physical and visual access through the booth:

- Attendees can enter and exit from all four aisles.
- Structures in the booth and hanging signs may not exceed twenty-five feet (25') in height. Lighting and truss may be hung above this height.
- Conference, office, storage or meeting room enclosures may not exceed 100 square feet in booths that are less than 1,600 square feet and must be constructed of building materials that allow see-through visibility or light penetration.
- Exhibit displays, construction and signage cannot substantially obstruct the view of, or otherwise interfere with, the displays of other exhibitors.

All components of the booth design are to remain within the boundaries of the exhibit space, including:

- Hanging signs
- Truss and lighting
- Carpet/floor covering

Seating for presentations/demonstrations must be a minimum of five feet (5') back from the aisles. Exhibitors are required to monitor and control attendance at these events so that aisles remain free from congestion. The presentation will be shortened or stopped if attendees overflow into the aisle.

Floor Plans/Blueprints

All companies with island exhibit space must submit floor plans and elevation blueprints, along with hanging sign and truss details, to the Director of Exhibitions for approval by Aug. 25. Your exhibit cannot be installed without prior approval. Exhibitors who fail to submit floor plans/blueprints by the deadline will be assessed a penalty of two (2) priority points per day after the deadline.

It is advisable to secure approval before beginning any new construction. Attach a cover note to the floor plan indicating the date by which approval is needed to meet construction schedules.

Email floor plans to lsmith@aao.org, or send by mail to:

La Shon Smith
Director, Exhibitions
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Do not fax floor plans.

Floor plans/blueprints drawn to scale (indicate the scale used) must clearly identify exhibit components, including:

- Dimensions of structures within the booth.
- Placement of furniture, particularly seating for presentations or demonstrations.
- Hanging signs including dimensions (height and width), hanging points, hanging locations and the total weight of the sign. See Hanging Signs/Aerial Rigging on the next page for information.

Do not submit an electrical floor plan to the Academy for review. Plans for placement of electrical drops in your booth are turned in with your electrical order to Moscone Center.

If the location of building columns, utilities or other architectural components of the facility are considerations in the construction of an exhibit, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor or their agents to physically inspect the facility to verify all dimensions and locations.

Multi-Level Exhibits

Island exhibits may have multiple levels. In addition to review by the Director of Exhibitions, detailed plans of multiple-story or enclosed booths must be submitted to the Public Safety Department at Moscone Center at least two months prior to move-in. Exhibitors must present booth blueprints that:

- Indicate if the exhibit is multiple-story and/or enclosed.
Booth Design (continued)

• Include dimensions and an isometric drawing.
• Specify the maximum number of occupants.
• Are stamped and approved by a licensed professional structural engineer certifying the maximum occupant load capacity.

Blueprints must be kept in the booth should exhibitors be asked to present them.

Hanging Signs/Aerial Rigging

All companies who want hanging signs must submit blueprints for preapproval with their booth floor plans. Walk-up signs will not be approved onsite. All signs are subject to onsite review and, where necessary, modified at the exhibitor’s expense.

Overhead hanging signs and decorative materials* weighing less than two hundred (200) pounds will be assembled and installed by Freeman. Hanging signs and overhead truss, used to support hanging signs or lighting over two hundred (200) pounds must be assembled and installed by Freeman. In addition, Freeman must hang any sign that requires electrical power, despite its weight.

*Decorative materials include canopies and other items that may need to be supported from the ceiling.

After the Director of Exhibitions approves your request for a hanging sign you must submit the blueprint to Freeman a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the event move-in date.

The combined length of all overhead signs may not exceed the following limits (whether hung horizontally or vertically):

• The length of a single-faced or double-faced one-piece sign may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the booth dimension on the aisle that it faces.
• The length of any side of the sign (whether rectangular, square, circular or triangular) may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the booth dimension on the aisle that it faces.
• Each side of a sign may not exceed eight feet (8’).

• The suspended height of a sign may not exceed twenty-five feet (25’) when measured from the floor up to the top of the sign.

Hanging signs must be received at the Freeman advance warehouse no later than Oct. 23. It is cost-effective to include assembly instructions in the hanging sign shipment. Hanging Sign Shipping labels will be included in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

Fire Department Regulations

Some of the most important fire department requirements are summarized here. Complete fire regulations for Moscone Center will be included in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

• All material used in the construction and decoration of an exhibit must be made from noncombustible materials or treated with a flame-retardant solution or with a flame-retardant process.
• Literature on display shall be limited to reasonable quantities (one day supply). Reserve supplies shall be kept in closed containers and stored in a neat and compact manner free and clear of electrical cables or junction boxes.
• Storage of any kind is prohibited behind the back drapes of a linear booth.
• All crates, cartons, containers, packing materials and other supplies necessary for repacking must be removed from the exhibit floor.
• Moscone Center Fire and Safety staff inspects all booths to ensure compliance.
• Fire extinguishers and fire hose cabinets must remain visible and accessible.
Booth Construction

Installation & Dismantle

Exhibit Installation

Refer to Target Freight Map for the specific date/time assigned to your company for installation. This map will be included in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

Installation days and hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 31; 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.+
- Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2; 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*++
- Friday, Nov. 3; 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*++

Exhibit Dismantle:

- Monday, Nov. 6; 3:30 p.m. – Midnight+
- Tuesday, Nov. 7; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  + Must have wristband for access to exhibit hall after 5:00 p.m.
  * Must have exhibitor badge to access exhibit hall after 5:00 p.m.

++ Approval to work past 5:00 p.m. must be obtained from show management prior to 3:00 p.m. that day.

** There are no in and out privileges after 7:00 p.m.

Refer to the Labor Rates for standard and overtime on the next page.

Access to Exhibit Hall

Every individual working in the exhibit hall must have an identification badge or wristband. To receive a badge or wristband, exhibitor personnel and exhibitor designated contractors (EDCs) are required to show photo identification and proof of affiliation with their employer.

Approval for early installation will be granted on an individual basis, with the understanding that Freeman will provide the labor for all installation work performed on Monday, Oct. 30.

Children are not allowed on the exhibit floor at any time during the hours for installing or dismantling of exhibits.

Care of Facility

Exhibitors may not install any permanent fixtures or deface the building, and upon conclusion of the meeting they must leave the exhibit space in the same condition that it was received.

Dismantling Exhibits

Dismantling of an exhibit prior to the close of the Expo is not permitted. Any company violating these regulations will forfeit the priority points they were to earn for the meeting and may not be invited to participate in future Academy meetings.

It will take approximately five to six hours to return all empty crates and cartons to the exhibitor’s booth. Cartons and fiber cases should be returned within four hours. Plan to return on Tuesday, Nov. 7 to complete outbound arrangements.
Booth Construction (continued)

Union Jurisdictions

Display Labor

The installation or dismantling of exhibits which requires the use of hand tools, or takes one person more than 30 minutes, or exceed ten feet in any direction, falls within the jurisdiction of the Local 510 of the Sign Display and Crafts Union. You can handle and set out the products you manufacture; however, all background materials — display boards, backdrops, stands — anything the products are displayed upon, attached to, or made part of, and installation of floor tile and carpets must be installed by union labor.

Electrical

IBEW Electricians jurisdiction covers all electrical labor for each booth including but not limited to, cable distribution under your carpet or flooring, and throughout the booth structure. Included are connections and hardwiring of all electrical equipment, (e.g. 208 volt and higher services, panels, motor, and audiovisual equipment), installation of all lighting hung from truss or beams and distribution of all cabling throughout the booth and truss structures. All stage hand labor used in the exhibit area will be supplied through Freeman with exception of their company representative/supervisor. Unless contracted directly with the in-house AV/Internet provider, all data and coaxial cable run within the booth, overhead or on the floor will be installed by their electricians. Electrical services are provided on a time and material basis and cannot be performed by other unions, I&D houses or Exhibitors.

Any labor services that may be required beyond what the regular full-time exhibiting company employees can provide must be provided through Display labor.

Electrical – Utilities

Freeman is the exclusive provider of electrical services.

Labor Rates

Hourly union labor rates for installing and dismantling exhibits are as follows:

**Straight Time**
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
$167.50/HR

**Overtime**
Monday - Friday
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.
All day Saturday, Sunday and Holidays
$294.25/HR
Material Handling & Shipping

The Teamsters Union Local 2875 has jurisdiction over all unloading and reloading of trucks, trailers, common and contract carriers. The Union also has jurisdiction over the operation of all material handling equipment — this includes all dollies and hand trucks. Exhibitors requiring assistance with unloading, uncrating, un-skidding, leveling, and assembly of machinery and equipment, as well as the reverse processes would secure labor through this union. Exhibitors may hand carry items from the entrances of Moscone Center to their booth in quantities that can be managed by one person, in one trip, needing no equipment. Freeman will control access to the loading area in order to provide for a safe and orderly move-in and move-out. Unloading or reloading at Moscone Center of materials from any and all contracted carriers will be handled by Freeman.

Material Handling Rates

Material handling rates are quoted per pound.

Contact: Freeman Exhibitor Services
Tel: (888) 508-504
Email: ExhibitorSupport@freeman.com

Material Handling

$1.55 per pound

Rate applies to shipments sent to either the Advance Warehouse or Direct to Show Site.

Material Handling - After Warehouse Deadline

$1.94 per pound

Rate applies to shipments sent to the Advance Warehouse after the Deadline.

Material Handling - Small Package 10 lbs and Under

Free of Charge

This rate is per shipment. A qualifying shipment totals any numbers of pieces delivered to the same booth, by the same shipper, on the same day, weighing 10 lbs or less.

Accessible Storage

$1.25 per pound

This flat rate is based on the initial inbound weight of the material exhibitors are placing in storage on-site, and allows for exhibitors to access products any time they need to replenish their booth.

Priority Empty Return Labels

$150.00 each

This unique service guarantees that empty containers with priority empty labels will be returned to the exhibitor’s booth within two hours of the show closing.
Material Handling & Shipping (continued)

Advance Shipping – Warehouse

Beginning Oct. 3, Freeman will accept crated, boxed or skidded materials at the advance freight warehouse address noted below. There are additional charges for carpet and pad that is shipped separately, and uncrated or loose display shipments. All freight shipments must be sent prepaid.

Schedule the delivery of freight so that it arrives at the warehouse no later than Oct. 23. Warehouse receiving hours are 8:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. Shipping labels will be in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

Freight shipments to the advance warehouse should be addressed with the following:

Exhibiting Company Name / Booth Number
American Academy of Ophthalmology
C/O PDS / Freeman
365 E. Grand Ave., Unit C
South San Francisco, CA 94080


Exhibitors will receive an email confirmation from Freeman verifying receipt of shipment(s).

Direct Shipping – Moscone Center

The online Exhibitor Service Kit will contain the Freight Target Move-in map with assigned move-in dates and times. Questions about the target move-in schedule and/or requests to change assigned target days/times, should be directed to the Freeman Freight Department as outlined on the Freight Target Move-in map.

Adherence to the move-in target date and time will help ensure a smooth move-in.

The show will be marshalled. A map to the marshalling yard will be included in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

Direct shipments to Moscone Center will be accepted beginning Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 8:00 am unless specified by the Freight Target Move-in delivery schedule.

Freight shipped directly to Moscone Center should be addressed as follows:

Exhibiting Company Name / Booth Number
American Academy of Ophthalmology
C/O Freeman
Moscone Center
747 Howard St.
San Francisco, CA 94103


All vehicles delivering materials to Moscone Center must obtain a dock pass at the Marshalling Yard:

Freeman Marshalling Yard
Pier 80, Cesar Chavez Street
San Francisco, CA 94124

This includes privately owned vehicles (cars, trucks, vans, etc.) who choose to unload their own materials at the established unloading area. No vehicle will be allowed to the dock area without a pass.

Equipment Pass

Removal of equipment or display items from the exhibition during meeting days — Saturday, Nov. 4 through Monday, Nov. 6 — will require a pass. The passes can be obtained at the Academy Exhibitor Services counter, located in the Exhibitor Service Center beginning Saturday, Nov. 4. Once the show closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, equipment passes will not be required. It is the responsibility of each exhibiting company to properly secure and remove its equipment when the show closes.
Exhibitor Services and Official Contractors

Telecommunications and internet

Moscone Center Technology Services Department is responsible for the delivery of utility services—telecommunications and internet. Order forms and additional details will be in the online Exhibitor Service Kit. Download their Ordering Guide and Facility Information for a preview of these details—

https://moscone.com/internet-telecom

Utilities

Utility floor ports containing electrical, natural gas, compressed air and water, are located every thirty feet (30’) in North, Hall E, F and West, L1 exhibit halls. Utilities in the South, Halls A, B, & C are not on standard thirty feet (30’) centers.

Lead Retrieval

Maritz (formerly Experient) is the official contractor for registration and lead retrieval. Exhibitors may rent units or add technology to their personal devices to scan the badges of the professional attendees capturing their name, address, email, specialty and practice information. Complete information and order forms for this service will be provided in the online Exhibitor Service Kit.

Security

The Academy will provide perimeter security in the exhibit halls on a twenty-four (24) hour basis from the installation through the dismantling of exhibits. Entrance and exit of workers, attendees and exhibit personnel will be strictly monitored. Despite these precautions, neither the Academy, nor Freeman, nor Moscone Center can assume responsibility for loss of or damage to exhibitors’ property. Exhibitors are encouraged to take precautions to protect their own property and to obtain the appropriate insurance against loss.

The online Exhibitor Service Kit will contain information on ordering security personnel and, if available, security cages. Exhibitors are urged to take advantage of the security services offered.

Cleaning

Exhibit hall aisles will be vacuumed daily, and wastebaskets will be emptied nightly if they are placed in the aisle. Exhibit booth cleaning is a service provided exclusively through Freeman. Exhibitor Designated Contractors (EDCs) are not allowed to provide booth cleaning services. Full-time exhibiting company employees may clean the booth. A form for ordering this service for the duration of the meeting will be included in the online Exhibitor Service Kit. The Academy no longer provides booth vacuuming on Friday, Nov. 3.