



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Form of Business:  Corporation  Partnership  Sole Prop.  Subsidiary of \_\_\_\_\_  
Note if the Applicant is a subsidiary of another firm or is controlled by outside ownership, please give full details:

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List in 25 Words or Less the Main Activities of your Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names/Titles of Individual Contacts, Address, Phone, Email: (attach a separate sheet in necessary)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Licensed Engineer in charge of laboratory operations (must be full-time employee of the firm):

Are materials testing and inspection services provided by the firm rendered in conformance with ASTM E 329?  Yes  No

What external accreditation/certification programs are used to meet ASTM E 329 requirements?

Is more than 75% of the firm's business for the general public; in lieu of special interests?  Yes  No

Is the firm affiliated with any academic or governmental institution?  Yes  No

Five references, including three clients - Contact, Firm Name & Address:

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Please indicate the average number of employees:

_____ Engineers	_____ Physicists	_____ Inspectors	_____ Drillers
_____ Chemists	_____ Technicians	_____ Radiographers	_____ Samplers
_____ Admin.	_____ Clerical	_____ Maintenance	_____ Other

If elected to membership in the Texas Council of Engineering Laboratories, I agree to support the objectives of the Texas Council of Engineering Laboratories and agree to adhere to the By-Laws of the Council.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_



### **TCEL History and Objectives**

The Texas Council of Engineering Laboratories, Inc., organized in 1972, is composed of firms engaged in the practice of testing, inspection and investigation of materials and/or geotechnical engineering. The formation of this organization was the result of a determined interest in member firms to define the field of engineering testing, the scope of services rendered, and the responsibilities attendant thereto. Member firms work together to promote the professional aspects of the materials engineering and geotechnical engineering professions by action such as the publication of the “**Manual of Practice for Materials Engineering**”. Firms eligible for membership must be under the responsible charge of a licensed professional engineer, working as a full-time employee. The Council is composed of officers and directors elected by member firms for a period of two years.

Each firm has one vote in matters before the Council and meetings are held annually. At the present time, each firm is required to pay a one-time initiation fee of \$100.00, with annual membership dues assessed on the basis of \$40.00 per employee include all engineers, technicians, drillers, loggers, helpers, draftsmen, NDT Personnel, but not to include bookkeeping, janitorial or similar personnel. Current minimum and maximum annual dues, which are reviewed on an annual basis, are \$500.00 and \$2,500.00.

### **Guidelines Relating to Membership Eligibility**

1. All geotechnical and/or construction materials testing and inspection services provided by the firm must be under the direction and supervision of a professional engineer licensed in the State of Texas. The licensed engineer in responsible charge must be a full-time employee of the firm. The firm shall render such services in conformance with ASTM Standard E 329 for inspection and testing agencies for materials as used in construction.
2. The firm must be registered in Texas and operate under the Laws of Texas and be actively engaged in the construction materials and/or geotechnical engineering disciplines.
3. More than 75 percent of the firm’s business must be for the public, rather than for special interest having part or whole ownership of the firm. It must not be affiliated with any academic or governmental institution, nor with any outside interest of manufacturing companies, nor any trade group in any manner, which might affect its capacity to maintain its independence. Further, its test reports, directly or indirectly, must not be used to endorse, certify, advertise, or otherwise promote the sales or public acceptance of any product or services offered by any company with which the firm is legally and/or financially associated.
4. The firm must have at least two years of proven business financial stability and professional experience under the existing ownership at the time of application for membership.
5. The firm must not own or be owned in whole or in part by another eligible non-member firm conducting business in the State of Texas.
6. The firm shall support the Council’s endorsed programs, published manuals of practice, and any professional standards applicable to the discipline for which it offers services. It must possess all legally required licenses, certificates, and registrations in the discipline of services it provides. Its President, or designated officer, must agree to abide by and be governed by these by-laws.