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AWRF ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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What is the AWRF Accreditation Program?

The AWRF Accreditation program is an exciting, new, and completely voluntary opportunity for all Member Companies and their affiliated branches. Using the current revision of our AWRF RP&G “Recommended Practice for the Operation of Sling Shops” as a basis for evaluation, LEEA, as a third-party auditing partner, will work with interested Member Companies to ensure adherence to the AWRF RP&G. Member Companies interested in the accreditation are encouraged to sign up for program through the AWRF office at the email listed.

Once a Member Company successfully completes

the audit, they will then be able to market themselves as AWRF Accredited, which includes the use of a combined AWRF/LEEA logo that has been developed. Additionally, many benefits that LEEA members enjoy will be made available to AWRF Member Companies that are enrolled, and successfully complete the audit process.

The goal of this programs is to ensure safer sling shop operation, to drive more business to AWRF Member Companies, and to help them win more market share via this accreditation – ultimately adding value to being an AWRF member.



FAQs

What is the cost associated with this program?

\$1,500 per year

What if my company does not make one of the products listed in the audit?

The audit will only cover products and services that are produced or originate from the Member Company Site being audited, that are part of the AWRF Quality Survey and the RP&G for Operation of Sling Shops.

Does my company have to be audited to all areas listed?

Yes, but ONLY if that audit area is for product fabricated on site, at the Member company facility.

What happens if my company does not pass the audit?

Information will be collected ahead of the physical visit. Any areas of concern will be addressed ahead of the visit, and Member Companies will be assisted and coached through the process.

How often does my companies' accreditation need to be renewed?

The accreditation is valid for three years, with annual visits and check-ups. The program fee is paid annually to remain part of the program.

Program Benefits

- Marketing to end users with Program Credentials/ Site Accreditation
- Access to LEEA technical guidance documents and online training
- Permitted use of a co-branded AWRF/LEEA Logo
- Access to LEEA technical answer center for submitted questions

Ready to sign up?

Contact Cailin at the AWRF Office to get your application and paper-work completed.

cailin@awrf.org

Does your company require more information? Contact us in the AWRF Office to get your questions answered!



AWRF Accreditation Program Registration

Sign-up for the program by completing all questions.

Member Company Name:

Date:

Address:

Name of Contact Person for entire Audit Process: Phone # of Contact Person for entire Audit Process:

Email Address of Contact Person for entire Audit Process: Billing Contact (if different than listed):

Products Manufactured

Alloy Sling Chains

Wire Rope Assemblies

Load Securement

Wire Rope*

(Quality Assurance, Measuring, Cutting and Tagging)

Round Slings

Synthetic Fiber Rope Slings

Wire Rope Slings

Web Slings

Metal Mesh Slings

AWRF Member Authorized Signature

Date

Acknowledgements:

- I have read and understand the AWRF Member Agreement. Yes No
- By completing this form, I agree to an on-site audit by an assigned LEEA Auditor. Yes No
- By completing this form, the above Member Company agrees to make all required and subsequent payments. Yes No
- I understand that an Audit will not be scheduled until payment is received and all proper documentation is submitted / confirmed Yes No
- I understand and acknowledge this fee is in addition to the yearly AWRF dues. Yes No

AWRF accepted by:

Date

AWRF MEMBER AGREEMENT FOR LEEA ACCREDITATION

This Agreement is made and entered into by Associated Wire Rope Fabricators (AWRF) and the undersigned Association Member Company (MC). The date of execution of this Agreement is established on the day, month and year signed by the latter of the two signatory parties.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Eligibility

As a condition of membership in good standing of AWRF, a MC may elect to undergo an Accreditation Process (AP) to be conducted by the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA).

2. Voluntary Decision

The decision of the MC to submit to the AP is strictly voluntary.

3. Process

The steps and chronology involved in the AP are set forth in Schedule A, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

4. Costs

The costs and fees of the AP, which are the sole responsibility of the MC, are set out in Schedule B which is attached hereto and made part of this Agreement. AWRF will receive an administrative fee which shall be included in the total fee paid by the MC

5. Initial Contact

The MC desiring accreditation shall begin the process by first contacting AWRF as set forth in Schedule A hereto.

6. Audit Criteria

The AP will involve inspection, audit and analysis by LEEA based upon criteria selected by the MC from the most recent AWRF Quality Survey as incorporated into the *AWRF Recommended Practices & Guidelines For The Operation Of Sling Shops*.

The scope of the AP process will include all activities conducted on site of the MC that are contained in the *AWRF Recommended Practices & Guidelines For the Operation Of Sling Shops*.

7. Accreditation Results

Upon completion of the AP, LEEA will provide a report to the AWRF Office reciting the results and analysis of its audit of the AP based upon the audit criteria selected by the MC. The MC will receive the results from the AWRF Office. A successful MC will receive a logo for purposes of display. Any MC failing the AP may request coaching and re-inspection, which shall be undertaken by LEEA. LEEA will work with the MC toward achieving a successful result.

8. Indemnification and Liabilities

a. The MC agrees that it will not file or take any legal, regulatory or administrative action against AWRF, its officers, directors, staff, agents or advisors in connection with the AP, including the denial, revocation, suspension, corrective requirements or any other action affecting the MC's certification status;

b. The MC shall indemnify and hold AWRF harmless from:

- i. Any liabilities, losses, damages, costs (including legal costs), claims and expenses incurred as a consequence of the failure of LEEA to fulfill its obligations in the AP or as a result of the failure of the MC to successfully achieve certification status;
- ii. Any claims from other AWRF member companies, customers or third parties, whether in contract or in tort (including legal costs), arising from or in connection with this Agreement;
- iii. Any liabilities, losses, damages, costs (including legal costs), claims or expenses incurred by AWRF as a result of the failure of the MC to fulfill its obligations regarding the provision of accurate and timely information, material or access to sites required by LEEA during the AP.

9. Confidentiality

- a. Each party agrees to keep in confidence any information it receives from the other party in the course of the AP, which by denotation or reasonable circumstances, is considered confidential to the disclosing party. The recipient party shall not disclose such information to third parties without the other party's written consent.
- b. Information received or exchanged may be disclosed, however, if it was previously known by the recipient, is generally known in the public domain or is required by any competent legal or governmental body in accordance with applicable laws or regulations.

- c. Notwithstanding the above, AWRP shall have the right to use the said information for statistical or analytical purposes, provided it is published only in aggregated, anonymous formats.
- d. The obligations in this section shall survive the completion of the AP and shall remain in effect so long as the said information is confidential.

10. Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties and may not be altered, modified, amended or revoked without the written agreement of the parties.

11. Waiver

A waiver of a breach of any provision herein shall not constitute a waiver of any other breach of the Agreement.

12. Assignment

The rights and obligations under this Agreement by either party may not be assigned without the express consent in writing of each party.

13. Severability

In the event any portion of this Agreement is declared void by a competent court or administrative body, such portion shall be severed from this Agreement and the remaining provisions shall continue in effect, unless the effect of such severance would be to substantially alter the Agreement in which case the Agreement may be immediately terminated by either party.

14. Disputes/Arbitration

To the extent permitted by law, all disputes under this Agreement shall be submitted to final, binding arbitration pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

The venue of the arbitration proceeding shall be within the United States. If the law precludes binding arbitration, any litigation involving the CP shall take place within the jurisdiction and venue of a competent state or federal court situated in the United States.

15. Applicable Laws

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the state of Texas.

16. Non-Exclusivity

Any MC is free to make additional arrangements for accreditation or other credentials from entities besides LEEA.

Name of
Member Company

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

by _____
Signature

by _____
Signature

Name Spelled

Name Spelled

Title

Title

Date Signed

Date Signed

SCHEDULE A

- a. The AWRF Member Company (MC) first contacts the AWRF Office about the Accreditation Process (AP).
- b. Following a review and verification of the MC's good standing, the AWRF Office provides the MC with the AWRF Member Agreement for LEEA Accreditation as well as the agreement between the AWRF and LEEA.
- c. The MC signs the AWRF Member Agreement and returns it to the AWRF Office.
- d. After review of the documents, the AWRF Office invoices the MC for the AP fee due to LEEA including the administrative fee for AWRF as set forth in Schedule B to this agreement.
- e. AWRF signs the Member Agreement and forwards a copy of the fully executed document to the MC.
- f. AWRF notifies LEEA to begin the AP and pays LEEA its fee.
- g. The LEEA auditor next contacts the MC to arrange the logistics of the audit phase of the AP.
- h. LEEA requests relevant information from the MC.
- i. LEEA performs the inspection and audit of the MC based on the criteria selected by the MC.
- j. LEEA analyzes the results of the audit.
- k. LEEA advises AWRF of the results of the analysis and provides a letter to the AWRF Office setting forth the said results. AWRF then forwards the letter to the MC with optional comments.
- l. The MC and AWRF each retain copies of all documentation involved in the AP.

The sequence of the above steps in this Schedule may be modified for convenience without jeopardizing the validity of this Agreement, so long as all required documents are signed and delivered in a timely manner.

SCHEDULE B

- A. The cost of the Accreditation Process (AP) to the Member Company (MC), which is to be established in annual subscription format, will be paid by the MC in the initial amount of One Thousand British Pounds and the same amount each year thereafter to LEEA via invoices provided by AWRF. Follow-up audits will occur after the expiration of three years from the initial audit and subsequently at three year intervals, so long as the subscription is maintained by the MC.
- B. Billing will be conducted by the AWRF office on an annual basis. An administrative fee will be charged to the MC by the Association (AWRF) each year to be included with the annual invoice to the MC.
- C. The MC may add or delete inspection criteria in follow-up audits.