

# 2021 AHE Media and Marketing Opportunities

Influence purchasing decisions and reach your target market.



## Sponsorship / Advertising / Events Updated opportunities for 2021



## The AHE Audience

### Connect with health care environmental services (EVS) professionals through AHE!

The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) members are experienced professionals in health care environmental services. According to AHE Trend Data, 2015-2020 EVS most respondents have at least 15 years in environmental services (72%), and at least 15 years in health care in general (77%). They are influencers with purchasing authority.

AHE is the organization of choice for over 2,100 facility based professionals committed to pathogen free, healing environments across all care settings. Suppliers engaged with AHE help advance the professions' ability to establish and maintain care environments free of surface contamination and support safety, service efficient and effective operations.

## AHE members are directly responsible for budgets related to:

- Cleaning and surface disinfection
- Waste management operations
- Laundry processing/linen, laundry contract management, distribution/textile processing
- Pest control management
- Safety and security
- Selection of interior design/finishes/textiles/furniture
- Flooring/carpets/tile
- Bath and restroom fixtures

- Infection prevention
- Hospitality services
- Grounds management
- Guest relations
- Patient transport and flow
- Construction/plant operations/maintenance
- Carts/moving systems
- Environmental sustainability

## AHE Members' Purchasing Authority



# **AHE Sponsorship Opportunities**

## **Corporate Champion**

Gain greater visibility with health care environmental services professionals and increase and enhance access to AHE members throughout the year. The AHE Corporate Champion retention rate is 94% for the last 20 years. Corporate Champion benefits include branding, meaningful strategic interaction, and access to information and environmental services insiders. AHE also offers a variety of customizable opportunities that are consistent with company strategic goals.

#### Contact us to learn more: \$30,000 minimum contribution

#### Access

- Licensed use of AHE Corporate Champion Logo
- Complimentary Associate Memberships
- AHE Member Communication Opportunites
- Trends Data 2021 Survey Input and Access to Report
- Access to Voice of the Customer and Membership Surveys
- Quarterly Strategic Discussions with AHE Executive
   Management

#### Awards

Award presentation and speaking opportunities at Learning Summit

- Phoenix Award
- EVS Department of the Year

### Education

- Online Course Series
- Webinar Series
- Podcast Series

ADD-ON

## Program Underwriter Opportunity

Contribute to the advancement of the profession by underwriting and developing new AHE Signature programs.

For more information contact Sue Griffin, 312-673-5586 or sgriffin@smithbucklin.com

## Thank You to Our 2021 Corporate Champions

Support exclusive education, networking and other key strategic opportunities and generate mutually beneficial value. AHE thanks its 2021 corporate strategic champions. Join other industry leaders as a 2021 Corporate Champion.



Extend your reach to thousands of professionals in health care environmental services. The AHE website offers prominent ad placements that generate valuable exposure for your products and services.

Align your ad with content in the following areas:

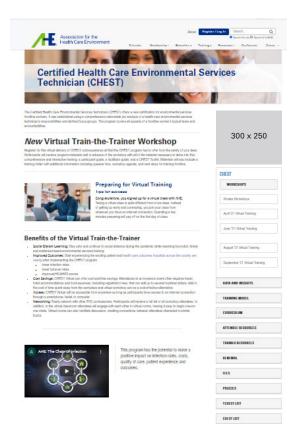
PAGE	Average Annual Pageviews
Run-of-Site	57,000
Calendar	8,200
Education	5,000
Core Competencies	2,000
CHESP	8,000
CHEST	16,000
СМІР	4,500
CNACC (New program in 2020)	1,500
CSCT	8,500

Rate: \$1,000 per quarter, per page

Static ad size: 300x250; weight/load - 150KB

### File Type and Technical Specs

We accept static JPG, GIF, and PNG files.





Maximize exposure by running on multiple pages!

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## AHE EVS NEWS | 34,000 Subscribers

AHE's bi-monthly e-newsletter offers a collection of news articles, reports, and expert guidance from the profession's top thought leaders in environmental services, infection prevention, and other decision makers with a stake in maintaining the environment of care.



#### **Net Rates**

AD UNIT	1x	6x+
Top Leaderboard	\$1,400	\$1,190
Center Banner	\$1,200	\$1,020
Lower Banner	\$1,000	\$850
Medium Rectangle	\$800	\$680
Sponsored Content	\$1,600	\$1,360

### Single Sponsor Exclusivity/ Ad Takeover

Includes all ad units, sponsored content, plus recognition at the top of the newsletter.

### **Sponsored Content**

Contribute a sponsored content to be included in a bi-weekly HFM EVS eNewsletter. Placement includes 10 word headline and 20-30 word description. No max word count.

**Specs:** File size should not exceed 40KB and must be 72ppi (pixels per inch).We accept JPG, PNG and GIF files. Animated ads can contain up to 3 frames and have a 3-loop max. Please submit animated files as GIF files. Please Note: Animated advertisements are not recommended, as certain browsers do not allow viewing of animation in emails. Also, Outlook only displays the first frame of animated ads. Image maps, JavaScript, HTML, ad tags and Flash files are not accepted.

**URL:** URLs must include dot and extension. All URLs must be live when creative is submitted.

**Please note:** Our newsletters are set on a white background. As a result, we recommend including a 1-pixel border around any ad creative that contains a white background. We also recommend adding a call to action on ads as well as including a UTM tracking code in URL's.



## **Additional Advertising Opportunities**

## Connect with health care environmental services professionals with true buying power.

### AHE Dedicated E-blast | \$2,500

Promote your brand and solutions to qualified leads in need of your services with an E-blast sent to +2,100 AHE members, and +7,000 nonmember EVS and relevant non-EVS professionals. One (1) E-blast available per month.

### Technical White Paper | \$5,000

Host your product, agnostic, technical white papers on AHE.org and reach thousands of site visitors who rely on AHE for the most up-to-date and credible information in the field. All white papers are promoted in AHE EVS News and archived on AHE.org under White Papers.

### **Training Programs**

#### >> Lunch & Learn | \$5,000

Sponsor lunch for AHE Training Session attendees. Includes 30 minute presentation time during the event.

#### >> Folder Insert | \$500 & Up

Include your marketing materials in an AHE virtual training session folder for attendees.

Training Session Topics Include:

- CHESP Study Group
- Employee Engagement: Going the Extra Mile
- Principles of Effective Linen Management
- The Lean Management System in Health Care
- Ultimate Scores for the Ultimate Experience
- Essentials of Infection Prevention of
   Environmental Hygiene
- Foundations for Success in Environmental Services Management

#### Live Webinar\* | \$7,500

Sponsor a live AHE webinar or host a custom webinar to spotlight your product, agnostic, technical or commercialized content to a large audience of health care facility leaders. Sponsorship benefits include:

#### Pre-webinar

• Logo recognition on all marketing and social media promotion, including a "thank you for support" link to the sponsoring company

#### During webinar

- 60-minute slot
- Logo recognition on the webinar intro and sponsor slides
- Opportunity to provide an announcer read advertisement to appear in the first and last two minutes of the webinar

#### Post-webinar

- Access to the list of registered attendee information, including emails and titles
- Performance metrics
- Webinar available on-demand on AHE's sponsored content webpage for 12 months

### On-Demand Webinar\* | \$5,000

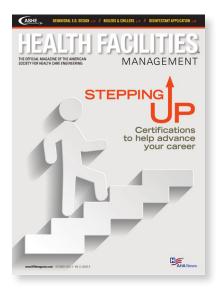
Sponsor an on-demand webinar to spotlight your educational content. Opportunity includes promotion within AHE EVS News, and archived webinar in AHE's sponsored content webpage.

\*Attendees are eligible for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits at no additional cost

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In Collaboration with AHE Subject Matter Experts

# AHE members rate HFM magazine as a key membership benefit — and now it's bigger than ever.



Readers count on Health Facilities Management magazine for the latest trends, best practices, research, and association news. You'll reach a full range of professionals in the health facility design, construction, and operations communities.

Now your advertising dollar goes even further!

- ✓ Circulation: **36,600** (up from 12,000)
- Published 10 times a year (vs. quarterly)
- Distributed in print (39,900) plus an interactive digital format (24,500)

## **Reader Profile**

42% Facilities management/operations/engineering
11% Construction and projects
7% Environmental services\*
7% Support services\*

6% Architecture and design2% Maintenance1% Hospitality management\*

**15%** of reader profile includes AHE readers\*

## **Purchasing Power**



### Top 7 areas of purchasing influence:

Design/construction products and services (67%) Engineering services (59%) Fire safety equipment (57%) Security/safety/fire protection (57%) HVAC (54%) Flooring/ceiling products (54%) Plumbing fixtures (51%)



**73%** Took Action as a Result of Seeing an Ad In HFM

# 2021 HFM Editorial Calendar

PRINT OPPORTUNITIES

ISSUE	DEADLINES	COVER STORY	FEATURES	MARKETPLACE	SOLUTIONS
JANUARY/ FEBRUARY	Ad Close: 12/1/20 Materials: 12/10/20 Mail Date: 1/4/21	Advocacy and Compliance	<ul> <li>Health care building trends</li> <li>ASHE Excellence in Health Care Facility Management Award</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Hand hygiene equipment	<ul> <li>Computerized maintenance management systems</li> <li>Water quality products</li> </ul>
MARCH	Ad Close: 2/1/21 Materials: 2/9/21 Mail Date: 3/3/21	Building Your Professional Reputation	<ul> <li>ASHE Vista Awards</li> <li>Facilities and engineering trends</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Fire Safety	<ul><li>Behavioral hardware and technology</li><li>Health care furnishings</li></ul>
APRIL PDC Summit Preview Issue + Bonus Distribution	Ad Close: 3/3/21 Materials: 3/11/21 Mail Date: 4/6/21	[ SPECIAL SECTION ] ASHE Annual Construction Survey	<ul><li>Facilities and engineering trends</li><li>EVS operations</li></ul>	Security and access control	<ul><li>Lighting equipment</li><li>HVAC products</li></ul>
ΜΑΥ	Ad Close: 4/5/21 Materials: 4/12/21 Mail Date: 5/4/21	Operational Excellence	<ul> <li>Health care building trends</li> <li>Facilities and engineering trends</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Power and electrical equipment	<ul><li>Fire safety products</li><li>Cleaning products</li></ul>
JUNE	Ad Close: 5/3/21 Materials: 5/11/21 Mail Date: 6/7/21	Design and Construction	<ul> <li>Interior design issues</li> <li>Facilities and engineering trends</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Floor coverings	<ul><li>Automated disinfection systems</li><li>Patient education and entertainment systems</li></ul>
JULY ASHE Annual Conference Preview Issue + Bonus Distribution	Ad Close: 6/3/21 Materials: 6/11/21 Mail Date: 7/6/21	Compliance Challenges	<ul> <li>Health care building trends</li> <li>Compliance challenges</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Lighting systems	<ul> <li>Medical gas equipment</li> <li>Security and access control</li> </ul>
AUGUST	Ad Close: 7/2/21 Materials: 7/12/21 Mail Date: 8/3/21	Energy Efficiency	<ul> <li>Health care building trends</li> <li>Facilities and sustainability</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Nurse communication systems	<ul><li>Real-time location systems</li><li>HVAC</li></ul>
SEPTEMBER AHE Learning Summit 2021 Preview Issue + Bonus Distribution	Ad Close: 8/4/21 Materials: 8/12/21 Mail Date: 9/7/21	AHE Environmental Services Department of the Year	<ul> <li>Health care building trends</li> <li>Facilities and engineering trends</li> </ul>	Cleaning products	<ul><li>Waste management</li><li>Floor care equipment</li></ul>
OCTOBER	Ad Close: 9/6/21 Materials: 9/13/21 Mail Date: 10/5/21	Design and Construction	<ul> <li>Interior design issues</li> <li>Facilities and engineering trends</li> <li>EVS operations</li> </ul>	Plumbing products	<ul><li>Fire safety products</li><li>Health care furnishings</li></ul>
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER	Ad Close: 10/4/21 Materials: 10/12/21 Mail Date: 11/3/21	[ SPECIAL SECTION ] ASHE/AHE Biennial Salary Survey	Health care building trends	Computerized maintenance management systems	<ul><li>Signage and wayfinding</li><li>Flooring products</li></ul>

\*Editorial calendar is subject to change.

## **ASHE'S Health Facilities Management Magazine**

In Collaboration with AHE Subject Matter Experts

## **Print Advertising**

Your print ad in Health Facilities Management magazine puts your message front and center with influential readers.

All print ads include an eLink in the digital edition of the magazine.



### **Net Rates**

Full-Color Rates	1x	2-5x	6+x	
Full Page	\$7,136	\$6,923	\$6,300	
2/3 Page	\$5,189	\$5,033	\$4,877	
1/2 Page*	\$4,287	\$4,157	\$4,032	
1/3 Page*	\$3,125	\$3,035	\$2,939	Revisions and
1/4 Page	\$2,523	\$2,445	\$2,372	\$50.00
1/6 Page	\$1,873	\$1,816	\$1,760	<b>Position Guara</b> 15% Premium

\*Please specify ad orientation for 1/2 and 1/3 page ads.

### **Cover and Special Positions**

Earned rate plus additional charges: Back Cover + 15% premium Inside Front Cover + 10% premium Inside Back Cover + 10% premium Opposite Table of Contents, "Inside HFM" + 10% premium

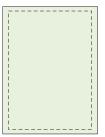
### Inserts, Gatefolds, & Belly Bands

HFM offers custom advertising units such as inserts, gatefolds, belly bands, polybags, and more. Please contact your sales rep for pricing and requirements.

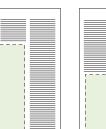
Please note: ASHE reserves the right to decline or remove any ads.

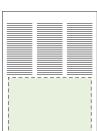


## **Print Display Ad Specifications**



FULL PAGE



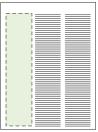


2/3 PAGE

1/2 PAGE HORIZONTAL

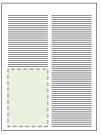
1/3 PAGE HORIZONTAL

1/6 PAGE



1/2 PAGE ISLAND

1/3 PAGE VERTICAL



1/4 PAGE

<b>Publication Trim Size</b>	:8" x 10.75"	Printing: Web Offset
Space Unit	Inches Wide	Inches Deep
2/3 Page	4.5	9.5
1/2 Page Island	4.5	7.5
1/2 Page Horizontal	7	4.875
1/3 Page Horizontal	4.5	4.875
1/3 Page Vertical	2.1875	9.5
1/4 Page	3.375	4.875
1/6 Page	2.1875	4.875
Size	Trim	Bleed
Full Page	8" x 10.75"	8.25" x 11"

Spread 16" x 10.75" 16.25" x 11"

Recommended live area for full page is 7.5"  $\times$  10.25";spread is 15.5"  $\times$  10.25."

### **Required Materials**

- Digital files are required PDF/X1-a (2001) is the preferred file format — sized to 100% of mechanical requirements, with bleeds set at .125" (0p9) on all sides for full-page and spread ads.
- Downsample color and grayscale images to 250 ppi for all images over 250 ppi.
- Files are to be cropped at the bleed edge do not include color bars, page information, registration, crop or bleed marks when distilling the final PDF.
- Only CMYK files are accepted for publication. Files using RGB and PMS colors will be rejected and returned for revision.
- The publisher is not responsible for errors due to low-resolution images or improper file preparation, and assumes all supplied advertising files will reproduce in a satisfactory manner. The advertiser, or its agency, will be notified if materials do not pass preflight, and corrective action is required.

### **Ad Submission**

Please send ad materials via WeTransfer.com or email to Hanna Vedder at hvedder@smithbucklin.com.

For more information contact **Sue Griffin, 312-673-5586** or **sgriffin@smithbucklin.com** 

## **HFM Digital Edition Sponsorship**

As a sponsor of the digital version of Health Facilities Management magazine, your message is prominently displayed on the cover of the magazine.

Fully interactive, the digital version allows viewers to flip through the pages, click on content and ads, and forward articles of interest to colleagues. Subscribers receive each issue via email, and issues are posted on hfmmagazine.com. A full archive of past issues is available, ensuring longevity for your online presence.

## **Digital Edition Exclusive Sponsorship**

NET RATE	1x	3x	10x
Exclusive banner on email alert, left of cover ad, and banner on digital edition landing page	\$4,370	\$3,800	\$3,230
With print ad purchase	\$3,933	\$3,420	\$2,907

Save 10% with a print ad purchase.

#### **Specs**

#### **Full-Page Ad**

Size: 8" x 10.75" (full-page trim) Preferred file format: PDF/X-1a Ads should be sized to 100% of mechanical requirements.

### **Banner for Digital Edition Website Landing Page**

Size: 300 x 250 pixels File format: JPG or animated GIF file only. Size should not exceed 40KB and must be 72 pixels per inch. Animated ads should have a 3-frame max and may loop continuously.

### **Company Logo for Digital Edition Email**

Size: 193 x 100 pixels File format: JPG or PNG; 30KB max file size NEW!

## Digital Edition Add-Ons Starting at \$500

Enhance your print ad with one or more of the following add-on opportunities! Video, audio, and pop-ups ads are also available. Please contact the ASHE Sales Team for pricing information.

Digital Belly Band	\$600
Blow-in Card	\$600
Right or Left Skyscraper	\$500
Navigation Bar Logo	\$500
Rates are not per issue	

Rates are net per issue.

HFM delivers new information to me, sometimes before I even know I need it. HFM is one of my historical 'go-to' reference resources.

– HFM Reader –

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**AHE Learning Summit** is an exclusive, premier event. The 2021 Learning Summit focuses on pandemic response, recovery and rebuilding with additional content related to behavioral health and rural health care solutions.

# 2021 AHE Learning Summit

# More Information Coming Soon

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#### ATTENTION MAC USERS:

For best results, please use <u>Adobe Acrobat Pro Reader</u> to complete this form. Apple's Preview program provides limited functionality.

## **2021 Advertising and Sponsorship Agreement**

The below named Company hereby applies for advertising, exhibit, and/or sponsorship with the Association for the Health Care Environment, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit corporation (AHE). Company's submission of this Advertising, Exhibit, & Sponsorship Agreement (Agreement) shall constitute an offer from the Company and shall not constitute a binding agreement unless and until executed by AHE. AHE reserves the right to reject the Company's offer for any reason in its sole and absolute discretion.

#### 3. CANCELLATION POLICY & AGREEMENT

By signing below, Company agrees to adhere to the cancellation policies for AHE advertising, exhibits, sponsorships, and lead generation programs. Company also acknowledges that it has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by all of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

#### Please return signed Agreement via email to Sue Griffin at sgriffin@smithbucklin.com.

Signature:	Date:
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Print Name: \_



Create your custom marketing program by using the worksheet below. For the best experience, please use <u>Adobe Acrobat Pro Reader</u>. Contact Sue Griffin at <u>sgriffin@smithbucklin.com</u> or 312-673-5586 for more information and tips on building your program. Please also download the <u>2021 Marketing</u> <u>Guide</u> for detailed information on all of AHE's opportunities.

Company Name:		

AHE Website (AHE.org)	Rate & Schedule	
Ad Type	Rate	Net Rate
Banner Ad (300x250 banner, per quarter)	🗖 \$1,000 per quarter	\$
Run Dates:		/ Net Total \$

**AHE EVS E-newsletter** Rate & Schedule Ad Unit # of Issues Net Total Issue Dates (Bimonthly) **Frequency Rate** Top Leaderboard \$ Center Banner \$\_ Lower Banner \$\_ Medium Rectangle \$\_ Sponsored Content \$\_\_ \_ / Net Total \$\_ Notes: \_

Additional Advertising Opportunities	Rate & Schedule
AHE Dedicated E-Blast	□ \$2,500 x (month(s):)
Technical White Paper	□ \$5,000 x (month(s):)
Lunch & Learn	□ \$5,000 x (month(s):)
Folder Insert	☐ Minimum \$500 x (month(s):)
Live Webinar	□ \$7,500 x (month(s):)
On-Demand Webinar	□ \$5,000 x (month(s):)

Total \$\_\_\_

HFM Print Ads		Rate & Schedule		
Issue	Size & Frequency	Net Rate	Placement/Orientation	
January/February (Ad Close 12/1/20; Materials Due 12/10/20)		\$		
March (Ad Close 2/1/21; Materials Due 2/9/21)		\$		
April (Ad Close 3/3/21; Materials Due 3/11/21)		\$		
May (Ad Close 4/5/21; Materials Due 4/12/21)		\$		
June (Ad Close 5/3/21; Materials Due 5/11/21)		\$		
July (Ad Close 6/3/21; Materials Due 6/11/21)		\$		
August (Ad Close 7/2/21; Materials Due 7/12/21)		\$		
September (Ad Close 8/4/21; Materials Due 8/12/21)		\$		
October (Ad Close 9/6/21; Materials Due 9/13/21)		\$		
November/December (Ad Close 10/4/21; Materials Due 10/12/21)		\$		

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HFM Specialty Ads	Rate & Schedule			
Ad Unit	Net Rate	# of Issues	Net Total	Issue Month(s)
Solutions Products + Services Section (1 available per issue)	□ \$3,250		\$	
Custom Content (call for pricing; 2 available per issue)	□ \$		\$	
Notes:				/ Net Total \$

**HFM Digital Edition Sponsorship** Rate & Schedule Without Print Buy Issue Net Rate With Print Buy Net Rate Add-On Option Net Rate January/February \$\_ \$\_\_\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ \$\_\_\_ \$\_ March April \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ May \$\_\_ \$\_ \$\_ \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ June July \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ August \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_ September \$\_ October \$\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_ \$\_ November/December \$\_ \$\_\_ \$\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_

\_ / Net Total \$\_\_

	AHE Website (AHE.org)	\$
<b>NET TOTALS / PRICING BREAKDOWN</b>	AHE EVS E-newsletter	\$
	AHE Dedicated E-blast	\$
	Technical White Paper	\$
	Lunch & Learn	\$
	Folder Insert	\$
	Live Webinar	\$
	On-Demand Webinar	\$
	HFM Print Ads	\$
	HFM Specialty Ads	\$
	HFM Digital Edition Sponsorship	\$

#### **Additional Notes**



#### CUSTOM MARKETING PROGRAM WORKSHEET

This Sponsorship Agreement & Contract ("Contract") is entered into by and between the Association for the Health Care Environment, a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association ("AHE"), and Sponsoring Company Name ("Sponsor") shall become effective when it has been submitted by the sponsoring company and accepted by AHE. The individual signing this Agreement & Contract represents and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to execute this binding Agreement & Contract on behalf of the sponsoring company. By signing below, the sponsoring company agrees to be bound by the Contract Conditions/Rules & Regulations below. The sponsoring company agrees that upon acceptance of this Agreement & Contract by AHE, with or without appropriate payment of the sponsorship fee and further action by the sponsoring company, this Application & Contract, together with the Contract Conditions/Rules & Regulations below, (collectively "this Contract") shall become a legally binding contract between AHE and sponsoring company ("Sponsor").

#### 1. MANAGEMENT

SmithBucklin will orchestrate management of all sponsorship opportunities and will be known as "AHE Management". SmithBucklin is responsible for sponsorship benefits, sponsorship deliverables, sponsorship logistics and collection of sponsorship payment. Additionally, SmithBucklin is responsible for assignment of exhibit booth space, exhibit logistics and collection of exhibitor payment for the EXCHANGE 2021 Annual Conference and Solutions Center ("EXCHANGE 2021"). If a Sponsor elects to occupy a booth space at the EXCHANGE 2021, Sponsor agrees to complete an Exhibit Space Application & Contract and remit it to AHE Management.

SmithBucklin acts as a liaison between exhibitors, sponsors, AHE, and any third party contractors. Any Sponsor with questions about thei sponsorship should contact SmithBucklin directly.

#### SmithBucklin

330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60611 USA Phone: 312-673-5931 E-mail: AHE@smithbucklin.com

#### 2. PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Sponsor must remit payment within 30 days of submitting their Contract. AHE Management shall issue an invoice after accepting the Sponsor's Contact.

Credit card payments can be made online using American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa. Make all checks payable to AHE and remit to the following address via the U.S. Postal Service:

ΔHF 75 Remittance Drive Suite 1272 Chicago, IL 60675 USA

Alternatively, Sponsor may remit via overnight courier (e.g., FedEx) to the following address:

AHA - AHE Sponsorship Suite 1272 C/O The Northern Trust Bank 350 North Orleans Street, FL 8 Chicago, IL 60654 USA

Sponsors who which to pay by ACH/wire must email AHE@ smithbucklin.com for remittance instructions

If the Sponsor is a sponsoring company of the EXCHANGE 2021, the sponsor agrees to remit payment no later than September 25, 2021, regardless of when they submitted their Contact. AHE reserves the right to hold or revoke Exhibitor badges for any Sponsor with an unpaid balance and to instruct all official show contractors to deny goods and services. Furthermore, AHE reserves the right at its sole discretion to cover-up or remove any sponsor logos if the Sponsor is not paid in full prior to payment deadline date.

#### 3. CANCELLATION SPONSORSHIP BY SPONSOR

Full payment is required and no refunds whatsoever will be made on cancellations of sponsorship. Sponsor may request changes or substitutions as an alternative resolution to outright sponsorship cancellation, subject to availability. AHE does not guarantee acceptance of any proposed alternative resolution. Cancellation of sponsorship, and alternative resolution proposals, must be directed in writing to AHE Management, signature required, to the address in Section 1. As an alternative, Sponsor may remit to AHE Management via email to <u>AHE@</u> <u>smithbucklin.com</u>, provided that the Sponsor obtains confirmation of AHE's receipt of the email.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sponsor will have no right to cancel subsequent to AHE cancellation pursuant to Section 4

#### 4. CANCELLATION OR CHANGES TO SPONSORSHIP BY ASHE

If for any reason beyond AHE 's control AHE determines that the sponsorship opportunity, EXCHANGE 2021 must be cancelled, shortened, delayed, dates changed, or otherwise altered or changed, Sponsor understands and agrees that AHE shall not refund the sponsorship fees paid to it by Sponsor and that all losses and damages that it may suffer as a consequence thereof are its responsibility and not that of AHE or its directors, officers, employees, agents or subcontractors. Sponsor understands that it may lose all monies it has paid to AHE for sponsorship, as well as other costs and expenses it has incurred, including travel to

EXCHANGE 2021, setup, lodging, decorator freight, employee wages, etc Sponsor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless AHE, its directors, officers employees, agents and subcontractors from any and all loss which Sponsor may suffer as a result of EXCHANGE 2021 cancellation, duration, delay or other alterations or changes caused in whole, or in part, by any reason outside AHE's control. The terms of this provision shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY

AHE reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any Sponsor and to prohibit a Sponsor from receiving sponsor recognition if, in the sole judgment of AHE, the Sponsor shall in any respect be deemed unsuitable. A Sponsor's eligibility to sponsor AHE must remain in effect from the time of submission of the Contract to the time the sponsorship concludes

#### 6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS

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