

# Standard Language Elements in Agreements



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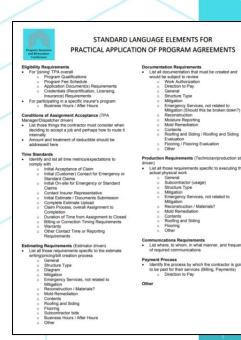


### What this is:

Standardizing the **layout** of requirements to allow contractors to improve compliance, execute more efficiently, and deliver better service.

### What this is NOT:

 Standardizing the requirements themselves



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- There has to be a better way...



### **Job Applications**

- Any company of any size requires applicants to fill out a job application. When they do, they don't say to the applicant, "here are six versions of our application, fill out the one that feels best to you." They make everyone fill out the same one.
- Why? Because it's efficient. It allows evaluators to quickly see differences between candidates. Hiring managers shouldn't have to work hard to decipher where pertinent information is.





# Certificates of Insurance

- All insurance carriers, regardless of size, pricing strategy, distribution channel or geography market, produce Certificates of Insurance in a standardized format.
- This allows those reviewing them to quickly, efficiently and accurately to find the specific information they need.



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- It is critical that everyone involved with the product knows everything about it.
- Information about the product should be able to be found quickly because time is often of the essence.
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### **SDS Standardized Format Categories**

- Chemical Product and Company Identification
- Hazards
   Identification/Emergency
   Overview
   10.
- Composition/Information on Hazardous Ingredients
- 4. First Aid Measures 12.
- 5. Fire Fighting Measures 13.
- 6. Accidental Release Measures
- 7. Handling and Storage
- 8. Exposure Controls/Personal

Protection

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Physical and Chemical Properties

Chemical Stability and Reactivity

Toxicological Information

**Ecological Information** 

**Disposal Considerations** 

**Transport Information** 

Regulatory Information

Other Information



### Two Sided Wallet Card

### SAFETY DATA SHEETS ELEMENTS

- IDENTIFICATION
   Includes product identifier; manufacture or distributor name, address, phone number, emergency phone number; recommended use; restrictions on use.
- HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION
   Includes all hazards regarding the chemical;
- COMPOSITION / INGREDIENT INFORMATION includes information on chemical ingredients; trade secret claims.
   FIRST-AID MEASURES
- Includes important symptoms / effect, acute delayed; required treatment.

  5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES
- Lists suitable extinguishing techniques equipment; chemical hazards from fire.

  6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES Lists emergency procedures: protective equipment: pro
- procedures; protective equipment; proper methods of containment and cleanup. 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE
- HANDLING AND STORAGE Lists precautions for safe handling and storage, including incompatibilities.
- 8. EXPOSURE CONTROL
  / PERSONAL PROTECTION
  Lists OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limits
  (PELs); Threshold Limit Values (TLVs);
  appropriate engineering controls;

#### SAFETY DATA SHEETS ELEMENTS

- . PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES
- 10. STABILITY & REACTIVITY
  Lists chemical stability and possibility
- 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION Includes routes of exposure; related symptoms, acute and chronic effects; numerical measures
- 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION Includes ecotoxicity, persistence and degradability: bio accumulative potential and mobility in the soil.
- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION
   Describes waste residues and information
   on their safe handling and methods of
   disposal, including the disposal of
- 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION Includes UN number and proper shipping name; transport hazard class(es); packaging group, environment hazards.
- 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION Includes safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product
- regulations specific for the product.

  6. OTHER INFORMATION As neede

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Given the apparent benefits of standardized formats, why couldn't we treat Program Documents like SDS sheets?

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### **Standardized Format**

- **Eligibility Requirements**
- Conditions or Assignment Acceptance
- Time Standards
- **Estimating Requirements**
- **Documentation** Requirements
- **Production Requirements**
- Communication Requirements
- **Payment Process**
- Other Information



### STANDARD LANGUAGE ELEMENTS FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- For 'joining' TPA overall
  - **Program Qualifications**
  - Program Fee Schedule Application Document(s) Requirements
  - Credentials (Recertification, Licensing,
  - Insurance) Requirements
- For participating in a specific insurer's program Business Hours / After Hours

#### Conditions of Assignment Acceptance (TPA Manager/Dispatcher driven)

- List those things the contractor must consider when deciding to accept a job and perhaps how to route it
- · Amount and treatment of deductible should be

#### Time Standards

- Identify and list all time metrics/expectations to comply with
  - Initial Acceptance of Claim
  - Initial (Customer) Contact for Emergency or
  - Initial On-site for Emergency or Standard
  - Claims Contact Insurer Representative
  - Initial Estimate / Documents Submission
  - Complete Estimate Upload
  - Claim Process, overall Assignment to Completion
  - Duration of Time from Assignment to Closed
  - Billing or Correction Timing Requirements

  - Other Contact Time or Reporting Requirements

#### Estimating Requirements (Estimator driven)

- List all those requirements specific to the estimate writing/pricing/bill creation process

  - Structure Type Diagram
  - Mitigation
  - Emergency Services, not related to Mitigation
  - Reconstruction / Materials?
  - Mold Remediation
  - Contents Roofing and Siding
  - Flooring
  - Subcontractor bids
  - Business Hours / After Hours

#### **Documentation Requirements**

- . List all documentation that must be created and would be subject to review

  - Direction to Pay
  - General
  - Structure Type Mitigation
  - Emergency Services, not related to Mitigation (Should this be broken down?)
  - Reconstruction
  - Moisture Reporting
  - Mold Remediation
  - Contents
  - Roofing and Siding / Roofing and Siding
  - Evaluation
  - Flooring / Flooring Evaluation

- Production Requirements (Technician/production staff
- . List all those requirements specific to executing the
  - actual physical work General
  - Subcontractor (usage)
  - Structure Type Mitigation
  - Emergency Services, not related to Mitigation
  - Reconstruction / Materials?
  - Mold Remediation
  - Contents Roofing and Siding

  - Flooring o Other

### **Communications Requirements**

 List where, to whom, in what manner, and frequency of required communications

### **Payment Process**

- Identify the process by which the contractor is going to be paid for their services (Billing, Payments) o Direction to Pay



## The Ask

- Utilize this standardized format
- The next time you communicate program requirements, send them out in this format
- While it would be nice to go back retroactively, the real request is to modify behavior going forward.
  - This will have the smallest impact on the TPA/carrier, but definitively move toward a brighter future for the restorer.

    Definitions
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# **Audience Poll Question:**

✓ Would the Standard Language Elements for Program Agreements format help you?





✓ Do you have questions or comments?



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