



**ASSOCIATE CHARTER AGREEMENT**  
**Between the Korean Professional Engineers Association (KPEA) and**  
**the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)**

*WHEREAS*, NSPE salutes the KPEA for the commitment of its members in providing professional and ethical engineering services to the citizens of Korea and to the protection of the public health and safety of all Koreans;

*WHEREAS*, KPEA and NSPE are individual membership organizations including individual professional engineers licensed in the United States, Korea and elsewhere;

*WHEREAS*, KPEA and NSPE through mutual visits and discussions have taken steps to strengthen the bonds between Korean and U.S. engineers;

*WHEREAS*, on August 14, 2002, KPEA and NSPE entered into a "Memorandum of Understanding for Affiliation Agreement;"

*WHEREAS*, NSPE recognizes KPEA members as an NSPE Associate Group within the geographic boundaries of Korea under NSPE Bylaw 8;

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. engineering licensure system celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2007;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the NSPE Board of Directors has approved this Associate Charter Agreement between KPEA and NSPE under the following terms and conditions:

- (1) A minimum of ten (10) licensed members shall be required for the formation, the chartering, and continuance in good standing of such Associate Group;
- (2) NSPE and KPEA shall (a) use maximum efforts to encourage all KPEA members to become NSPE members and (b) investigate with Korean companies and institutions the establishment of a NSPE corporate membership program;
- (3) In all matters of local concern, KPEA, as an Associate Group, shall have full autonomy but may call upon NSPE for advice, counsel, and assistance;
- (4) KPEA and NSPE shall investigate opportunities for mutual cooperation including international conferences, symposiums, and workshops to enhance the affiliation;
- (5) NSPE and KPEA shall establish a working group to explore licensing issues related to international mobility of professional engineers, including Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Engineers and Engineers Mobility Forum (EMF) International Registered Professional Engineers;
- (6) NSPE and KPEA shall coordinate efforts as appropriate on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations relating to professional and technical services;
- (7) The NSPE Board of Directors may revoke the Associate Charter of the KPEA if KPEA fails to conform to the NSPE Bylaws after due and specific notice has been provided to KPEA;
- (8) KPEA shall have no representation on the NSPE Board of Directors or NSPE House of Delegates, but is encouraged to attend all NSPE Board of Directors Meetings and the annual NSPE House of Delegates Assembly;
- (9) KPEA shall be provided the same services by NSPE as are provided chapters of NSPE member state societies.

Signed this 29 day of Sept 2007.

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