



Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise

Application to Become an IHE Sponsoring Organization

Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) International is an organization dedicated to improving patient care by advancing the interoperability of healthcare IT systems and the appropriate sharing of relevant information. Toward that end, IHE convenes committees in several clinical and operational domains to develop and publish the IHE Technical Frameworks. These detailed technical documents define standards-based methods of creating, managing and exchanging healthcare information to address specific clinical needs. IHE national deployment committees conduct education, testing, demonstrations and other activities promoting the deployment within their respective regions of systems compliant with the IHE Technical Frameworks. The work is managed by IHE committees and sponsored by various national and international bodies, as described in the IHE Principles of Governance, available at www.ihe.net/governance/.

IHE Sponsors are Member Organizations of IHE International that undertake specific responsibilities defined in the IHE Principles of Governance to support the development of the IHE Technical Frameworks or advance their deployment in healthcare IT systems and healthcare settings. IHE Sponsors must be Member Organizations of IHE International and, like all IHE Member Organizations, are subject to the relevant provisions of the Principles of Governance, including the Intellectual Property Agreement.

To apply as a sponsor of IHE, please complete and submit this online application form. Send the final declaration page, with authorized signature, via email, post or fax to:

IHE International Board Secretariat
c/o RSNA
Informatics Department
820 Jorie Blvd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523
<mailto:ihe@rsna.org>
fax: 630-571-7837

The IHE International Board shall review each application submitted and notify the primary contact regarding approval or rejection of the application within 60 days.

Proposed Sponsoring Organization Information

Sponsoring Organization Name:

Main Office Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Sponsoring Organization URL:

Name of Primary Contact:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of Alternate Contact:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

Proposed Sponsor Role

Please carefully review the responsibilities defined below for each category of IHE Sponsor and indicate which category (or categories) you would like to be considered for:

Associate Organization

Associate Organizations are Member Organizations that have indicated their support for the goals of the IHE initiative and their willingness to help in communicating information about it to their membership and industry vendors in their environment. These organizations have no specific financial or administrative responsibilities for development or deployment activities. They agree to allow the use of their logo in publications describing the IHE initiative and to share communications about IHE with their membership through periodic email updates and selected printed mailings. They may recruit and support volunteer domain experts from among their membership to take part in domain committee activities.

National/Regional Deployment Committee Sponsors

National/Regional Sponsors take responsibility for providing financial, administrative and other support as required for IHE deployment activities, including the IHE implementation testing process, in a given nation or group of nations relevant to their membership and mission. National/Regional Sponsors must be IHE Member Organizations in the User, Developer or General Interest categories with no direct or indirect responsibilities in developing for sale, or making acquisition decisions about implementing healthcare IT systems. National/Regional Sponsors generally come from Healthcare Professional Organizations (clinical, IT, administrative, public health, etc.), Trade Associations, Health Research or Governmental Agencies (This may be further refined by each Regional/National Committee). National/Regional Sponsors shall adhere to the IHE Principles of Governance, including its intellectual property provisions, and promote the broad success of the initiative worldwide.

Domain Sponsors

Domain Sponsors take responsibility for financial, administrative and secretariat support for domain committees engaged in the development of IHE Technical Frameworks and associated documents in the domain (or domains) relevant to their membership and mission. Domain Sponsors shall be Member Organizations in the User Category with no direct or indirect responsibilities in developing for sale, or making acquisition decisions about implementing healthcare IT systems. Domain Sponsors generally come from Healthcare Professional Organizations (clinical, IT, administrative, public health, etc.) or Governmental Agencies. In supporting development activities of IHE International in the domain (or domains) relevant to their membership and mission, Domain Sponsors shall adhere to the principles of IHE and promote the broad success of the initiative worldwide.

IHE International Sponsors

IHE International Sponsors are Member Organizations of IHE International that sponsor Domain Committees and Regional/National Deployment Committees, as well as assuming the following additional responsibilities: (1.) Acting as the Secretariat for general committees of IHE International, including the Board, Advisory Panel, Marketing and Communications Committee and Testing and Tools Committee (2.) Assuming significant financial responsibility for the general committees of IHE International, including the Board and its Board Operations Committee, the Marketing and Communications Committee and the Testing and Tools Committee (3.) Publishing the IHE Technical Frameworks (4.) Providing legal advice, support, indemnifications and accountability to the Board (5.) Supporting the development of testing tools and hosting IHE Connectathons and related events (6.) Developing an annual budget for IHE International and presenting it to the Board Operations Committee and Board for approval IHE International Sponsors shall adhere to the principles of IHE and promote the broad success of the initiative worldwide.

The Board shall have the authority to consider and, in its discretion, approve a Member Organization's participation as an IHE International Sponsor. Organizations wishing to become IHE International Sponsors, if approved, shall enter into a written agreement with IHE International. Under such an agreement, a newly added IHE International Sponsor will share the expense and responsibilities of supporting the Secretariat of the International Board with the other IHE International Sponsors. Such agreements shall have an initial term of three years and may be renewed by the Board for additional three-year terms.

Application for Sponsor Organization for Recognition by IHE International

After completing and submitting the online form, please fill out the Declaration below and submit with authorized signature, via email, post or fax to:

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Blanks in the document below can be filled in electronically.

Declaration

_____ ("Sponsor Organization") agrees that as a condition of its recognition by IHE International, its Committees or Subcommittees, that it (the Sponsor Organization) will fulfill the responsibilities specified for IHE Sponsors and abide by the policies and procedures described in the application and in the IHE Principles of Governance (available at www.ihe.net/governance/), including the Intellectual Property Agreement (Appendix A). The undersigned attests that he or she has read and understood the application and the IHE Principles of Governance, agrees to its terms and provisions and is authorized to do so on behalf of the Sponsor Organization.

Signed by:

_____ Title _____
Authorized Signature

Print Name _____ Date _____

_____ Title _____
Additional Authorized Signature (optional)

Print Name _____ Date _____

_____ Title _____
Additional Authorized Signature (optional)

Print Name _____ Date _____