Code of Ethics

Preamble

Practitioners of technology and engineering recognize that their professional, civic, and personal activities have a direct and vital influence on the quality of life and standard of living for all people. Therefore, certified professionals should exhibit high standards of competency, honesty, and impartiality; be fair and equitable; and accept a personal responsibility for adherence to applicable laws, the protection of the public health, and maintenance of safety in their professional actions and behavior. These principles govern professional conduct in serving the interests of the public, clients, employers, colleagues and the profession. Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candor, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent upon every certified professional as professional obligations. Each individual shall be guided by high standards of business ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct. The words "practitioner," "certified professional," and "individual" as used throughout this Code includes all individuals certified by the SME.

The Fundamental Principle

The certified professional is dedicated to improving not only the manufacturing process, but also enterprises worldwide. This includes striving to instill a sense of concern and awareness, throughout the community, of public health, safety, conservation, and environment issues that are related to the practice of the profession, and through the application of sound engineering and management principles. Certified professionals realize that in carrying out this responsibility their individual talent and services can be more effective when combined with continuing education.

Canons of Professional Conduct

Certified professionals offer services in the areas of their competence and experience, affording full disclosure of their qualifications. They consider the consequences of their work and societal issues pertinent to it and seek to extend public understanding of those relationships.

Certified professionals are honest, truthful, and fair in presenting information and in making public statements reflecting on professional matters ad their professional role.

Certified professionals engage in professional relationships without bias based on race, religion, sex age, national origin, handicap, or any other criterion proscribed by law. They act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees, disclosing nothing of a proprietary nature concerning the business affairs or technical processes of any present or former client or employer without specific consent.
Certified professionals disclose to affected parties known or potential conflicts of interest or other circumstances which might influence — or appear to influence — judgment or impair the fairness or quality of their performance.

Certified professionals are personally responsible for enhancing their own professional competence throughout their careers and for encouraging similar actions by their colleagues.

Certified professionals accept responsibility for their actions; seek and acknowledge constructive criticism of their work; offer honest constructive criticism of the work of others, properly credit the contributions of others; and do not accept credit for work not theirs.

Certified professionals perceiving a consequence of their professional duties to adversely affect the present or future public health and safety shall formally advise their employers or clients and, if warranted, consider future disclosure.

Certified professionals act in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Manufacturing Engineering Certification Institute and lend support to others who strive to do likewise.

Certified professionals shall aid in preventing the certification of those who are unqualified or do not meet the standards set forth in this Code of Ethics.