

Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act

Purpose

This document describes the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 and identifies the compliance requirements for the Research Foundation (RF).

Background

The Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act was enacted on September 25, 1990. The purpose of the Act is to "save lives and protect property by promoting fire and life safety in hotels, morels, and all places of public accommodation affecting commerce."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for administering the Act.

Effective Date

Although the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act was effective on September 25, 1990, the provision requiring use of places that meet the requirements of the guidelines described in the Act did not become effective until the initial publication of the *National Master List* in the *Federal Register* on November 29, 1993.

Provisions of the Act

The following are provisions of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act that affect the Research Foundation:

- States are required to provide the director of FEMA with a list of the places of public accommodation that meet the requirements of the guidelines described in the Act. The director is required to compile and distribute a master list of these places.
- Meetings, conventions, conferences, or training seminars that are sponsored with federal funds must be held in a place that meets the requirements of the Act.
- Any advertisement or application for attendance at a meeting, convention, conference, or training seminar sponsored with federal funds must include a notice that federal funds may not be used to sponsor an event held at a place that does not meet the requirements of the Act.
- The agency providing the federal funds is required to notify the recipient that the funds may not be used to sponsor events held at a place that does not meet the requirements of the Act.

RF Compliance

The Research Foundation must comply with the Hotel and Motel Safety Act.

How to Comply

Operating locations must comply with the Act when holding federally-funded meetings, conventions, conferences, or training seminars by either

- contacting the place of public accommodation before holding the event to verify it is on the National Master List, or
- obtaining the *National Master List* (refer to next block).

How to Obtain a List

A list of certified public accommodations can be obtained for all states or for New York State as follows:

All States

A copy of the *National Master List* can be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402-9325, referencing stock number 069-001-00049-1.

Note: This list may not provide a reliable, current source of reference because it has been updated monthly since its initial publication. The updated information (additions, changes, deletions) is only published in the *Federal Register*.

New York State

A list of places in New York State that are on the *National Master List* can be obtained from the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, (518) 474-7879.