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TO: SEI NFPA AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Addition of NFPA Programs and Approved Test Laboratory

The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is pleased to offer additional NFPA certification programs with our approved test laboratory, ArcWear: a Division of Kinetrics. SEI is already your trusted certification organization for HAZMAT ensembles, fire helmets, gloves, footwear, SCBA, PASS, thermal imaging cameras, and more. Our partnership with ArcWear allows us to expand our certification program offerings to include NFPA 1971 (structural and proximity firefighting PPE), NFPA 1975 (emergency services work apparel), NFPA 1977 (wildland and urban interface firefighting PPE), NFPA 1951 (technical rescue PPE), and NFPA 2112 (industrial short-duration thermal exposure PPE) fabric, garment, and hood programs.

SEI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Laboratory Agreement with global PPE testing leader ArcWear to provide independent third-party testing for the fire service and industrial garment and hood programs. The ArcWear team is made up of PPE and Textile professionals, with diverse qualifications in textiles, engineering, flash fire, and electrical arc testing, ensuring quality results. Both organizations, SEI and ArcWear, have a long history and personalized approach to servicing our customers, as well as providing quick turnaround times.

Additionally, SEI has introduced a new fee structure making the onboarding process easier for new participants. Participants will work directly with an appointed SEI program manager to take you from application to certification. For current participants, SEI will offer a one-time discount, to transition their certified fabric, garment, and/or hood products to SEI. SEI will also maintain a database of component certified products allowing manufacturers to have a choice in who they use for their certification.

Please contact Anna Seiple to learn more about these exciting new program offerings. Anna can be reached at <u>aseiple@seinet.org</u> or +1.703.442.5732.



