

Antitrust/Competitive Provisions
(Adopted by the Board of Directors on September 5, 2018)

- (a) The SIG is committed to conducting its affairs in compliance with federal, state, and, as applicable, international antitrust and competition laws (collectively, the “**Antitrust Laws**”). The SIG Members may compete with one another in various lines of business and it is therefore imperative that they approach and engage in all SIG activities, including all meetings, discussions, communications, and other interactions, with compliance with the Antitrust Laws in mind. Accordingly, all SIG Members, as a condition of membership, must acknowledge and adhere to the guidelines in (b) below.
- (b) Antitrust guidelines:
1. SIG Members are prohibited from discussing or engaging in any written or oral exchange of information relating to any company-specific, competitively sensitive information, including terms, sales, conditions, pricing, or future plans, related to their firms or other firms, including vendors or service providers they engage;
 2. SIG meetings and any SIG portal or forum are not to serve as an opportunity or conduit for discussions or negotiations between or among vendors, manufacturers, service providers, or other entities with respect to their own competitive activities or to the activities of any other participant or group of participants;
 3. Neither SIG staff, officers, or directors nor its Members, working groups, or working group chairs are to recommend in any SIG-sponsored exchange or forum in favor of a coordinated boycott of or against the adoption of any product or service of particular manufacturers or vendors;
 4. Each SIG Member will determine unilaterally the effect of any exchanged information on its individual purchasing and related decisions;
 5. The SIG and its working groups must base decisions to develop or adopt guidelines, specifications, standards, test procedures, or certification programs upon appropriate technical, business, and consumer considerations, and not upon any effort or purpose to reduce or eliminate competition from any business entity or to impede the development or adoption of new or innovative products or services;
 6. Any breach of these guidelines will be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the SIG and may result in termination of the organization’s SIG membership and forfeiture of remaining annual membership fees; and
 7. Working group chairs, directors, or staff will designate a responsible party to keep and disseminate minutes of all formal SIG meetings.