

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ROOFING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON WEATHER ISSUES, INC. (RICOWI)**

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Corporation, The Roofing Industry Committee On Weather Issues, Inc. (hereinafter "RICOWI"), and hereby agrees to be bound by the Bylaws of said Corporation now in existence, or which may hereinafter be enacted, and to conform to all rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and to pay all duly levied dues and assessments required by said Bylaws or established thereunder.

The following information concerning the business of the undersigned is submitted for the records of RICOWI (please type or print clearly):

**Name of Individual** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Association Represented** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Classification:**

*Sponsor*

Sponsor Members are industry associations whose members have an interest in the roofing industry by virtue of the manufacture, design, installation or insuring of roofs and roofing-related products or the performance of consulting and other professional services in connection with roofs and roofing related products.

*Affiliate*

Any person, or individual representative of a firm, institute, corporation or other entity that has an interest in roofs and roofing-related products.

**Membership Fee (make payable to RICOWI, Inc.)**

*Sponsor:* Amount \$ 1,200 Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

*Affiliate:* Amount \$ 300 Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

*Application Reference: Indicate membership in a RICOWI Sponsor Member Organization or the name of a RICOWI member:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only: Date approved by Board: \_\_\_\_\_ Binder Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF RICOWI, INC.

RICOWI has been in operation since 1989. It was formed to communicate current concerns and evolving technology on wind issues to the roofing industry. It has been demonstrated that issues facing one segment of the industry affect other segments, and that all industry participants benefit from a better understanding of the science and technology that affects roof system performance. Improvements in building practice related to design have been reviewed with our membership. The results of hurricanes and other windstorms have helped build our knowledge. At the March, 1999 meeting, the Board of Directors approved expanding RICOWI's mandate to address other weather topics and issues including hail, energy efficiency and durability effects. To reflect the broadened scope, RICOWI changed its name to the Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues, Inc.

The Directors (Sponsor members) review and approve the business of the organization and the publications emanating from RICOWI. It may help your organization to get the data it needs for future support in code or regulatory areas.

At our meetings, information from each industry segment, from people that are involved, is presented and discussed. Shared data and test results helps the organizations understand the dynamics of more wind and weather resistant performance for their products.

RICOWI meetings are populated by the people that are really concerned about roofing and weather issues. We are structured so that the meetings focus on technical subjects, and once a year we visit a mutually interesting test facility. You can bring your knowledge or concern to another group of experts. They can peer review your ideas, suggest tests or procedures, or confirm that you are headed in the right direction.

If you represent an association that is involved in the manufacture or installation of roofing products, your organization belongs in RICOWI as a Sponsor member. If you are involved in the science of roofing, you can join as an Affiliate member. Affiliates do not need to be part of a Sponsor organization, but if you are, please indicate in the appropriate area on the first page. As a member, you will be given an opportunity to provide a report at the meeting on any industry related issue and get feedback from the participants.

RICOWI developed two powerful programs: (1) Wind Investigation Program (WIP) launched in 1996 and (2) Hail Investigation Program (HIP) completed in 2004. RICOWI deployed teams to Oklahoma City to investigate the April 21, 2004 hail storm. WIP teams were deployed to investigate the damage left in the wakes of Hurricanes Charley, Ivan and Katrina. Our teams obtained the best observational data available on the destructive force of hail and winds on roofs and how products resist those forces. The Oklahoma City Hail Report and the Hurricane Charley / Ivan and Katrina reports are available on CD or can be downloaded from our website: [www.ricowi.com](http://www.ricowi.com). WIP and HIP Teams are in place for future investigations. Check the website for additional information.

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