

# IME

INSTITUTE OF  
MAKERS OF  
EXPLOSIVES

SAFETY. SECURITY. STEWARDSHIP.



THE TRUSTED VOICE OF THE  
COMMERCIAL EXPLOSIVES INDUSTRY

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# Who Is IME?

## SAFETY. SECURITY. STEWARDSHIP.

We are the trusted voice of the commercial explosives industry, representing manufacturers, distributors, and users of commercial explosives for more than 100 years.

Our mission is clear: to promote and support the safe and secure manufacture, transport, distribution, and use of commercial explosives.

## The Value of IME Membership

No matter where you stand in the value chain, IME welcomes you!

IME membership provides value to you and your company by keeping you informed, compliant, and competitive in the commercial explosives industry while also contributing to the overall safety and advancement of the field.

Membership in IME means a seat at the table when discussing key issues with regulators, lawmakers, and the media. As an IME member, you demonstrate your commitment to the safety and security of the commercial explosives industry while enhancing your company's credibility and reputation.

When you join IME, you and your employees will have opportunities to collaborate on key issues and make a positive impact on policies that align with today's business environment.

IME has served as a forum to unite the industry behind one voice to create positive change over the last century, and we're laying the foundation for our industry's future.



## Industry Advocacy

IME has established relationships with key regulators and legislators who look to IME for our expertise. Whenever a change is happening that impacts the commercial explosives industry, it is IME that gets the call.

To meet your business needs in today's global economy, our reach must also be global. IME is officially recognized by the United Nations (UN) as a non-government organization and has a seat at the table on the UN's subcommittees on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) and Global Harmonization Standards (GHS). We also play a leadership role on the UN's Explosives Working Group, which provides technical recommendations for global policy to the UN's aforementioned subcommittees.

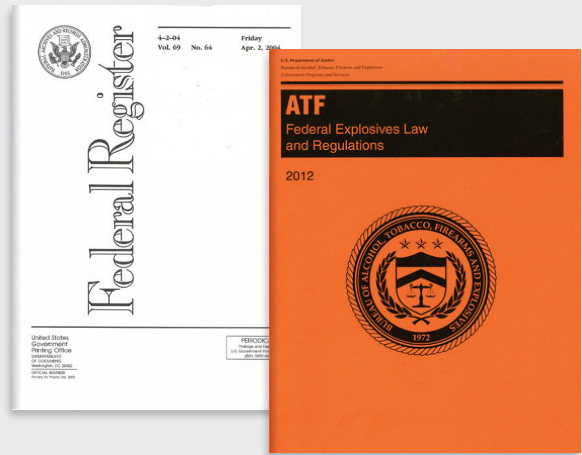
These coalitions and partnerships allow IME to leverage our members' expertise and build effective ways to advocate for our key policy priorities.



# Regulatory Support

The commercial explosives industry is one of the most highly regulated industries in the United States. IME serves as a forum where employees of member companies can network and collaborate to share technical expertise on regulatory compliance and encourage the development of sound regulations.

We serve as a critical link between industry and the regulators making decisions that impact our industry's bottom line. Providing timely updates on the ever-changing regulatory environment and collaborating on solutions to challenges allows our members to ensure a safe and secure industry.



# Education and Training Resources

IME has been developing and publishing a suite of best practices and guidelines, called Safety Library Publications (SLPs), since our founding in 1913. Our SLPs educate users about the safe manufacture, storage, distribution, transport, and use of commercial explosives. Several of these SLPs have been adopted by the federal government as regulation. As part of our effort to broaden our reach, we have converted our eight most popular SLPs into eLearning courses. These courses have been approved by state regulators for blasters needing to renew their state blasting licenses. Employees of IME member companies receive access to our SLPs and eLearning courses at a discounted rate.

IME also hosts free, members-only webinars that frequently feature policymakers and regulators allows members to directly engage with key decision makers on issues that impact the commercial explosives industry.



# Networking Events and Collaboration Opportunities

IME creates valuable opportunities for members throughout the supply chain to connect with industry thought leaders and collaborate to address common challenges.

Each year, IME hosts a spring meeting and advocacy day in Washington, D.C. and an Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet in the fall. In addition to our advocacy day and committee meetings, IME features guest speakers from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, members of Congress, and more! IME members receive special discounted rates for meeting registration fees.





# Industry Promotion

IME serves as the voice of the commercial explosives industry. We work to highlight the economic impact of our industry and demonstrate how commercial explosives have helped build America. This highly effective advocacy tool is used to promote the importance of our work and the positive impact on our communities to not just policymakers during site visits, but also in the media and to the general public.



# Research and Development

IME seeks opportunities, including government funding, to conduct research to inform science-based public policy. In 2024, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive (ATF) invested one quarter of a million dollars on tests to improve data on jet perforating guns for the IME-developed risk assessment software used by the agency.

IME works with our academic members to conduct research that benefits the safety and efficiency of commercial explosives. In addition, IME coordinates with our academic members to host symposiums on campuses where IME member companies are able to collaborate with faculty and students on potential employment opportunities and undergraduate internships.

