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IES & FGI Announce Joint Memorandum of Understanding

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The Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) and the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) are pleased to announce a memorandum of understanding (MOU) enabling future collaboration on consensus-based guidelines and publications. Both parties seek to advance lighting knowledge and improve the quality of lighting in health care facilities through this MOU.

The IES and FGI have agreed to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the parties; encourage coordination among each organization's documents, where appropriate; and, when mutually beneficial, create joint documents, share in educational opportunities, designate committee representatives, and advocate for each other's organization. Potential research projects and increased participation in committee activities are anticipated.

In 1906 the IES was founded with the purpose of bringing together those with lighting knowledge to develop standards, promote research, and develop educational materials to advance the art, science, and practice of lighting design and engineering. The strength of the IES is its diversified membership, including engineers, architects, designers, educators, students, contractors, distributors, utility personnel, manufacturers and scientists in 64 countries. The IES is a 501(c)(3) non-profit professional society writing the American National Standards (ANSI) for lighting.

The Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1998 with the mission of establishing and promoting consensus-based guidelines and publications, advised by research, to advance quality health care environments. FGI partners with numerous other organizations to develop the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents and other practical, evidence-informed publications.

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