

# Professional Partnering Facilitator Certification (IPI)

## IPI Professional Neutral Partnering Facilitators Certification Program

### Program Objectives

The intended outcomes for the IPI Professional Neutral Partnering Facilitator Certification (IPI) are threefold:

- To assure owners and contractors that partnering facilitators have a certain level of competence and knowledge;
- To increase the pool of qualified facilitators; and
- To share and implement lessons-learned on how to make partnering succeed on projects.

### About the IPI Partnering Facilitator Certification Program

- The Partnering Facilitator Certification utilizes a combination of experience and training and is based on a mentor-protégé approach.
- There will be three levels of Certification based on experience:
  - Master Level Certified Partnering Facilitator (MIPI),
  - Senior Certified Partnering Facilitator (SIPI),
  - Certified Partnering Facilitator (IPI)

### Applicant Criteria

IPI-Certified Partnering Facilitators are IPI-Members who are already proven in the marketplace. These firms are industry leaders who have consistently assisted construction teams with developing a collaborative culture and who are familiar with the IPI Collaborative Partnering Program and the structured approach to partnering.

A “**professional facilitation**” is any partnering session lead by a neutral construction partnering facilitator consultant in exchange for payment. In order to be included in the count, a session must be related to a construction project or construction program and should occur during one of the four phases of the Construction process: Planning, Design, Construction, or Activation. If you have questions about whether a session will be considered, please contact IPI.

- Master Level Partnering Facilitators (MIPI) Professional Requirements:
  - MIPI will have completed **250 professional facilitations**
  - Advancing the Profession – MIPI must complete an article, a White Paper, a Peer-reviewed journal entry, a book, or submit a video of a training or webinar focused on the development of Construction Partnering every three years to maintain Certification
- Senior Level Partnering Facilitators (SIPI) will have completed **100 professional facilitations**
- Certified Level Partnering Facilitators (IPI) Level will have completed **25 professional facilitations**
- All IPI-Certified Partnering Facilitators agree to sign the IPI Facilitator Code of Ethics, abide by the IPI Collaborative Partnering Model, and are able to administer an online, 5-point ratings scale evaluation tool for all project teams.

### The Application/Selection Process

Candidates must submit an application that demonstrates compliance with the minimum criteria, provide two letters of recommendation and be current members of IPI. The IPI Facilitator Board of Review will evaluate applications; interview candidates in person or by phone; follow up with Project Teams and references to verify completed sessions and determine validity of the application.

### Program Costs and Benefits

The IPI Certification process **costs \$250** and can be added to your Firm’s annual Membership Dues. In order to apply for Certification, please fill out an IPI Professional Partnering Facilitator Certification Program Application.

### Minimum Criteria for an IPI Certification

- IPI Member in good standing**
- Construction Experience**  
At least 3 years working in the industry
- Facilitation Experience**
  - Master Level (MIPI): at least 250 professional sessions
  - Senior Level (SIPI): at least 100 sessions
  - Certified Level (IPI): at least 25 sessions
- Provide an online Project Evaluation (Scorecard) tool**
- Signed IPI Facilitator Code-of-Ethics**
- Attachments**
  - Resume / C/V
  - 2 Letters of Recommendation
  - Facilitation Experience Documentation Log
  - Application Fee
- Sign and Mail Application including all attachments**



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