



EAC Registration Required

The International Housewares Association (IHA) has partnered with **EAC Management** to administer the Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC) registration process for this year's Show.

If your company plans to use an EAC, you must register **each EAC company** that will be performing work in your booth using the link below. This registration ensures your EAC receives the necessary information to get approved.

An **Exhibitor-Appointed Contractor (EAC)** is any company designated by an exhibitor, other than the official contractor or Show vendors, that provides services and requires access to an exhibit during installation, Show dates, and/or dismantling.

Note: EACs that are not registered will not be allowed access to the Show floor to service.

[REGISTER YOUR EAC](#)

Deadline To Register: **February 13, 2026**



Freeman Online Early Bird Deadline

FINAL REMINDER

The Freeman advance rate deadline is fast approaching. Be sure to order electrical, plumbing, display labor and booth furnishings online by Friday, February 6 to receive the advanced rates. Orders placed after the advance (discounted) rate deadline will be charged at the increased Standard rate.

Advance Rate Deadline: Friday, February 6

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On-Site Registration & Express Badge Pick-Up Information

Register your staff members for Show badges by selecting the “Exhibitor Badge Registration” task in your IHA Exhibitor Portal.

[REGISTER](#)

Important Reminders:

- All registrants must pick up their individual badge in Chicago. Be prepared to present a government-issued photo ID.

- Express Badge Pick-Up emails will be sent on February 25. Please bring this email with you on-site to expedite processing (on personal device or print out).
- Registrations received on or after March 10 will be charged \$100 per badge regardless if you have used your allotment or not.

For more information on registration and express badge pick-up areas including locations, dates and hours, please see below.

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Freeman Freight Services

As the official service contractor, Freeman is the exclusive provider of freight services. You have two options for shipping your advance freight — either to the warehouse or directly to show site.

[READ FREIGHT FAQs](#)

The Inspired Home Show is a targeted event. This means exhibitors are assigned a specific date and time for moving into an exhibit hall.

Shipments delivered to the advance warehouse will be delivered to the exhibit space by the designated target date and time. Shipments delivering to the Show site must adhere to the assigned target date and time for delivery. Please note, the transportation carrier may be turned away if they arrive too early for delivery. They will be directed to return closer to the target date and time.

Use these floor plans in conjunction with your booth number to identify the assigned date and time your freight must arrive at McCormick Place's Marshalling Yard.

VIEW FREIGHT TARGET FLOOR PLANS

Advance to Warehouse Label

- Freeman began accepting freight January 26.
- Material arriving after **February 20** will be received at the warehouse with an additional charge.
- The warehouse will accept crates, cartons, skids, trunks, cases and carpets/pads.

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Direct to Show Site Label

- Freight will be accepted only during exhibitor move-in.
- Refer to the above Freight Target Map in for your specific exhibitor move-in dates and times.
- Loose or pad-wrapped material must be sent directly to Show site.

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Phoenix International - Freight Forwarder

Phoenix International Business Logistics (PIBL) is an international freight forwarder and U.S. customs broker that specializes in handling trade show shipments. With assistance from overseas partners, they can arrange the pickup of your shipment from your warehouse, deliver onsite, complete all the required paperwork and customs formalities. They will also help get your shipment picked up and sent back to the facility of your choice.

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Exhibitor Deadlines

Stay up-to-date on all upcoming deadlines using the Exhibitor Action Checklist.

Upcoming Deadlines Include:

- February 6 - [Freeman Advanced Rate Deadline](#)
- February 9 - [Telephone, Internet & Cable Access Advance Rate](#)
- February 9 - [Food Service Deadline](#)
- February 13 - [Floral Services/Event Production Advanced Rate](#)
- February 13 - [Exhibitor-Appointed Contractor Registration](#)
- February 20 - [Advance to Warehouse Shipments](#)

[VIEW FULL CHECKLIST](#)

Exhibitor Connect is developed to guide exhibiting companies in their participation at The Inspired Home Show. Each week you will receive relevant, deadline-driven topics covering both operations and marketing to ensure your company is on track to have a successful Show.



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