



Architects and Engineers Insurance Company (AEIC) was created specifically to provide customized insurance solutions for the challenges facing designers. As A/E specialists, AEIC is an insurance carrier owned entirely by its policyholders and is a smart alternative to standard commercial insurance carriers in the market. The influence of AEIC's members is apparent in all facets of the company's operation, from its innovative policy form to a proactive approach to loss prevention and claims management. As the largest insured-owned program serving the design community, AEIC brings a measure of security to a market often characterized by opportunistic underwriting and dramatic price swings.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AEIC's founding philosophy, "offering competitive, sustainable, pricing and superior professional and executive liability products to a select group of firms with a demonstrated commitment to utilizing the principles of loss prevention and risk management within its practices..." has found a growing audience with design professionals as commercial carriers have withdrawn from the market for either business considerations or because of financial difficulties brought on by irresponsible underwriting.

Founded in 1988, AEIC has been a stabilizing influence on the commercial marketplace. Chartered under the Federal Liability Risk Retention Act, AEIC offers coverage to design firms nationally. Today, AEIC remains the only architect & engineer "owned" insurance company, addressing the unique professional liability needs of the design community. While AEIC writes coverage for design firms of all disciplines, AEIC has become a popular alternative for specialty firms difficult to place in traditional commercial markets due to its niche practice. Firms with professional fees in excess of \$1M find AEIC's rate structure most competitive. The AEIC program is accessible to any independent agent. AEIC also accepts submissions from wholesale agencies. An agency contract is not required to place coverage through AEIC. In most cases, AEIC is able to offer a premium quotation from a competitor's application form.

PRODUCTS

AEIC Professional Liability Program

As A/E specialists and industry pioneers, AEIC has solidified its influence in the marketplace by reinventing the professional liability product to meet the special needs of design firms.

Coverage Highlights

- AEIC is the only carrier able to offer 3-year policies to firms of all sizes
- Limits of liability up to \$10M
- Limits available on a per claim and aggregate basis
- Excess limits for self insured programs
- Project-specific coverage
- Joint venture coverage
- Design-build and construction management coverage
- Contractor's pollution liability coverage
- Equity interest coverage up to 50 percent participation
- Broad definition of professional services
- Incident reporting
- Free pre-claims service
- Insured participation in the selection of legal counsel
- Available in all 50 states and Canada
- Worldwide coverage

Participation Guidelines

- All design disciplines: Architects, Civil, Structural and Mechanical/Electrical Engineers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Interior Design, Geotechnical and Environmental Engineers
- Design-build, construction management and project management delivery are eligible to participate
- Annual billings exceeding \$1M
- Deductibles starting at \$10,000
- Above-average loss experience
- Limited exposure to residential design (single or multi-family)
- Participating firms are required to purchase 1 share of stock in AEIC (\$140/share), with no risk of additional assessments

AEIC Executive Liability Program (optional coverage)

AEIC has designed a series of liability coverages designed to complement the Professional Liability coverage. The following coverages are offered as a sub-limit to the Professional Liability limit:

Employment Practices Liability

Nowhere is the spread of our society's appetite for litigation more rampant than in the area of wrongful dismissal, unwelcome sexual advances, discrimination or violation of any of a multitude of federal, state or municipal regulations affecting the rights of persons and employees. Claims in this area, if frivolous, are expensive to defend, if grounded in reality are often matters of hearsay evidence. As a result, the outcome is uncertain. AEIC's Employment Practices Liability coverage can bring peace of mind. The firm is protected from the havoc that can be wrought by its own employees.

Pension Trust Employee Benefit Plan

Although A/E's are typically insured for theft and fraud, normally missing is protection for negligent acts or errors in the administration of benefit plans for employees. This protection gives management the assurances, that in the event of employee claims for loss of benefits due to mismanagement, or error resulting in erosion of insurance benefits or pension, the company is protected.

Directors and Officers

More than the peace of mind associated with protecting architects and engineers from shareholder actions, the inclusion of Directors and Officers coverage in the Executive Liability protection affords the design firm the opportunity to add to its Board outside directors, who would otherwise be unwilling to serve without D&O coverage in place. This coverage provides a firm access to those, within its community, who can provide insight and assist in promoting the firm's business interests.

SERVICES

Policyholder and Risk Management Services

To ensure policy change requests are handled professionally and expeditiously, agents and their insureds have direct access to underwriters. All policy administration is provided by AELC, Inc., whose experienced staff has serviced AEIC members since its founding. In addition, contract review services are provided quickly and without cost by legal counsel and design professionals.

AEIC recognizes the value to both the Company and the Insured in taking a proactive position in dealing with loss prevention. AEIC's manager, AELC, Inc., oversees a Risk Review Program that involves sending an AELC consultant into the insured's office to assist in improving the firm's operations, from both a technical and managerial perspective.

The Risk Review program is a critical component in maintaining a loss ratio well below industry average, supporting AEIC's competitive pricing. As an added benefit, underwriters are equipped with detailed knowledge of AEIC's insureds, allowing coverage to be tailored on a risk-by-risk basis.

Claims Management Services

Claims are handled by C. R. Vince & Associates (CRV). CRV has earned a worldwide reputation for its insurance claims management and risk management services. Specializing in professional and executive liability, C.R. Vince & Associates' staff is an experienced group with diverse skills and training drawn from the fields of law, design, surveying, adjusting and insurance.

AEIC insureds incur no charges against their deductible when accessing CRV services or staff. Claim efforts are centered on the avoidance of litigation. Should litigation be unpreventable, AEIC ensures its insured's voice is heard in the selection of counsel.

C. R. Vince and Associates is a recognized global leader in architects and engineers Professional Liability claims management and has worked in partnership with AEIC and its insureds since its founding.