Frequently Asked Questions about LAWA’s Insurance Requirements

1. When should I comply with the Insurance Requirements? The Risk Management Division’s Insurance Compliance section is the first place to start if your proposal has been accepted or you have been awarded the bid. You cannot perform any work for the Department without approved evidence of insurance. Please be aware that if current evidence of insurance is not on file with the Insurance Compliance Section, invoices cannot be processed, badges cannot be issued and permits can not be processed.

OUR ACCOUNTING DIVISION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE CITY CONTROLLER NOT TO PROCESS INVOICES UNLESS CURRENT EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE IS IN PLACE.

2. What does LAWA consider as Acceptable Evidence of insurance? The only evidence of insurance acceptable is either a Certificate of Insurance and/or a True and Certified copy of a policy. The following items must accompany the form of evidence provided:
   
a. A copy of the Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement specifically naming Los Angeles World Airports on the schedule is required for Workers’ Compensation. A BLANKET ENDORSEMENT AND/OR LANGUAGE ON A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

b. A copy of the Additional Insured Endorsement (CG 20 10 11 85 or similar) specifically naming Los Angeles World Airports on the schedule is required for General Liability. A BLANKET ENDORSEMENT AND/OR LANGUAGE ON A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

c. A legibly typed name of the Authorized Representative must accompany a signature on the Certificate of Insurance and/or the True and Certified copy of the policy.

d. A copy of the Schedule of Underlying Coverage/Insurance is required for the Excess policy.

3. Is there an added cost to adding Los Angeles Worlds Airports as Additional Insured? Yes, there usually is an added cost to doing this. This fact should be considered when you are formulating your costs for the bid or proposal. Check with your insurance agent or broker.

4. How can I obtain information on your Insurance Requirements? An Insurance Requirement Sheet is included in the Proposal/Bid Package, which specifically outlines the types and amounts of coverage required. This Requirement Sheet should be passed on to your authorized insurance representative for their review. You may also contact us at (424) 646-5480.

5. Do I need to prepare more forms if I already have LAWA’s evidence of insurance? No. If you already have current evidence of insurance on file with our Risk Management’s Insurance Compliance Section, it is not necessary to complete a new set of forms. Once documentation is in place, you do not need to go through the process for each project. However, please check with our office to be sure that all coverages are current. Your contract administrator can do this for you as well. Our office maintains a computerized record of your evidence of insurance.

6. What insurance companies are acceptable to LAWA? Insurance companies must have an A- or better rating and have a financial size of at least IV to be acceptable to LAWA. We use the A.M. Best Key Rating Guide as our reference.

7. For how long will I need the insurance coverage? If you are awarded a contract, there will be a provision in your contract which specifically states that it is your responsibility to maintain current evidence of insurance in our files for the contract period.

8. How long does it take LAWA to process my evidence of insurance? Evidence of Insurance is processed upon receipt by LAWA. Please submit your evidence of insurance documents to the Risk Management Division’s Insurance Compliance Section as soon as you are awarded the contract.

9. When should I complete the evidence of insurance? Do not spend any money to meet the insurance requirements until you awarded the contract by LAWA. Get an estimate or quote from your insurance agent or broker and factor that into the bid/proposal you are preparing. Enclose a statement, provided on your company letterhead, which states you have reviewed the insurance requirements and that you will provide the required evidence of insurance if you are awarded the contract.

   Note for Prime Contractors: Prime Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their Sub-contractors have adequate evidence of insurance coverage appropriate to the work to be performed. At a minimum, if airfield access is involved, the subcontractor must show $10 million in coverage, plus endorsements; if no airfield access is involved in the work, the minimum threshold is $1 million, plus endorsements; and, in rare cases, if the work is performed entirely off site, there may be no need for evidence of insurance coverage.

10. Where is the Risk Management Division’s Insurance Compliance Section located? 7301 World Way West, 2nd Floor LAWA’s Administration West Building Los Angeles, CA 90045 (424) 646-5480 Public Counter Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F