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FINAL NOTICE!

Exhibit Buyers' Guide Submission Deadline has been extended.

The Exhibit Buyers' Guide, which contains exhibiting <u>company descriptions</u> and product categories, is handed out to all conference attendees. Submit yours by **23 December** and take advantage of this important free advertising opportunity!

You can also upload your Virtual Tradeshow information for the online directory in the same place. One stop and you're done!

How to Complete

<u>Click here</u> to submit your description.

What to Complete:

- Business Card
- Show Guide (Printed)
- Add a Product
- Company Profile (Online)
- Categories

If you are a **returning exhibitor**, your Virtual Tradeshow listing from the 2013 show will be replicated. We encourage you to visit this link to view and update your listing.

Holiday Hours

OSA will be CLOSED for the holidays from

Wednesday, 25 December 2013 through Wednesday, 1 January 2014

Additional Listings

Don't forget to sign up your internal or external partners for a FREE Additional Listing in the Buyers' Guide – contact the OFC Sales Team for details at +1 202.416.1428 or sales@ofcconference.org.

Housing & Registration Online

 $\label{thm:constraints} \textbf{Exhibitor Housing and Registration are now available. Cross two items off your list today!}$

Exhibitor Housing

- Book in the OFC block to receive:
 - Lowest Rate Assurance
 - No booking or service fees
 - Automated waitlisting
 - Guaranteed hotel confirmation number for smooth check-in
- Click <u>here</u> for housing

Exhibitor Registration

- Save time when you arrive!
- Avoid lines at registration by pre-registering
- Click <u>here</u> to register

Mark your calendars!

• 23 December Exhibit Guide Submissions Due

Contacts

10 February

Pre-Registration Deadline

• 14 February

Vendor Discount Deadline

17 February
Housing
Reservation
Deadline

Exhibitor Service Manual

The OFC 2014 Exhibitor Service Manual is now available! It contains all the information you need for a successful exhibit, including deadlines, vendor forms, rules and regulations, shipping and more. Click on the Exhibitor Service Manual button above. To access the order forms:

User name **OFC**Password **OFC2014**

Visit the <u>Exhibitor Service Center</u> and select the Exhibitor Service Manual or other exhibitor information such as registration, housing reservations, company descriptions and the floor plan. In an effort to go green, the Service Manual is only available online.

Only the main contact for your company will receive the password for the vendor order forms in the Service Manual.

Official OFC Vendor Seals

Look for these seals on all official OFC vendor emails and solicitations. They indicate that they are an approved OFC 2014 Vendor. Only official OFC 2014 vendors are authorized to use these seals.





Vendor Warning: Who's contacting me? Official and Preferred Vendors

Show Management does not release its exhibitor contact list to anyone except official show vendors. If you are contacted by a non-official vendor, we would appreciate you providing us with the details regarding these calls or copies of their emails. We will follow up aggressively with them. The exhibitor list is available online as part of the Virtual Trade Show, so an enterprising company may visit that list to gather even generic contact information about your company. **This includes outside companies offering listings in show directories as well as more standard items for your booth.**

When in doubt, exhibitors may contact us at exhibits@ofcconference.org to confirm that a company is legitimate. A list of official and preferred vendors is included in Exhibitor Service Manual. Exhibitors are welcome to use their own vendors for non-exclusive services, but these vendors cannot claim to be official vendors of the meeting.

Caution! Housing Poachers

The OFC Exhibits Team is warning all exhibitors of potential housing "poachers." These are housing companies that are trying to get your business, yet they are **not affiliated with OFC**. **Travel Planners** is the ONLY official housing company for OFC 2014. Reserving your housing through Travel Planners guarantees the availability of your room and amenities such as free bottled water and free in-room wireless internet. OFC cannot make the same guarantee for other housing companies. Book with Travel Planners and look for the Official Housing Partner logo above on their website.

Want More Exposure for your Company?

Sign up for a sponsorship now to ensure that you will be noticed by the top industry decision-makers at the largest optical communications event in the world. Click here to see what is still available.

Meeting Rooms still available

Feeling restricted within your booth? Contact the OFC Sales Team today at +1 202.416.1428 or sales@ofcconference.org today to discuss available meeting space both on and off the exhibit floor.

- The Corporate Village, located on the exhibit floor, is ideal for extending booth conversations or hosting confidential customer demonstrations or meetings.
- Limited accessibility exists for meeting room space within the Moscone Center call the Sales Team at +1 202.416.1428 for details.

Attention exhibitors! There is a **new exhibit product category** being recognized at OFC 2014. If you are an organization in the Datacom industry, then chose this category to make yourself more visible to your target market.

Reach the entire OFC audience – advertise in the Buyers Guide distributed to every OFC 2014 registrant. Call today for details.

OFC/NFOEC announces name change for OFC 2014! Check the Press Release for more information.

Get your OFC 2014 logos here!

Free Exhibitor Invites Opportunity

Increase Traffic at Your Booth and Win an iPad!

OFC has once again partnered with <u>Exhibitor Invites</u> to provide a FREE tool that allows you to send a nicely-designed html email campaign of up to three different emails to your customers and prospects, letting them know what you'll be doing at the show. Invite them to visit you at your booth and register for a FREE Exhibits Pass Plus. It's fast, easy, and there is absolutely NO CHARGE for you to use this tool! In less than 30 minutes, you'll have a complete pre-show marketing campaign ready to go! Your list is secure with Exhibitor Invites. No exhibitor list will be rented, sold or used for any other purpose, even by show management.

Get an edge over your competition and start today. Click here. If you would like to schedule an Exhibitor Invites walk through or need assistance, please contact your Exhibitor Invites Specialist, Greg Gentry at 541.363.3113 Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM EDT. The exhibitor who generates the most free Exhibits Pass Plus registrants through the Exhibitor Invites system will win a new **16GB iPad!**

VISA Letter of Invitation Information

International exhibitors: Information and resources about obtaining visas is available online at http://www.ofcconference.org/home/register-and-plan-travel/letter-of-invitation/

If you are bringing individuals from countries that need visas to enter the United States, we urge you to apply as soon as possible. In most instances the visa is being acted on within 30 days or less, but checks may take longer depending on country and application information. You may visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html to download visa forms, view fees and read more information about the process.

In order to assist exhibitors, OFC Management will be providing a separate letter of support that may help exhibit personnel in obtaining a visa. This letter will confirm that the exhibitor has signed a contract to exhibit at the conference and will note, if applicable, if the company has exhibited at OFC previously. Unfortunately, OFC Management cannot guarantee visas for any exhibitor or its personnel. If you are interested in receiving an additional letter of support, contact exhibits@ofcconference.org.

To request a Letter of Invitation online from OFC Management, go to http://www.osa.org/forms/invitation_letter/?mtg=OFC OFC Conference Management is not able to contact U.S. Embassies on behalf of any individual attempting to gain entry into the United States to attend the OFC Conference.

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