



Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, Inc.

WHAT IS R&DA? R&DA is a nonprofit professional association linking industry, academia, and the federal government in coordinating research and development activities in the areas of food, food packaging, food service operations and equipment. Since 1946 R&DA has maintained a continuous and effective working relationship with U.S. Government personnel who are responsible for the supply procurement, quality and adequacy of food, containers, equipment and related food items. R&DA has been recognized by the government on numerous occasions for its service and contributions to the national defense. R&DA is the ideal association for marketing, technical, government, academia, prime vendor, quality, packaging, and related personnel.

WHY WAS R&DA FORMED? At the onset of World War II, rations to support our soldiers in combat were urgently needed by the federal government. The military services were not current with the capabilities of industry nor was industry aware of the requirements of the military in the food areas. As a result, the procurement and delivery of food and containers was often insufficient and adversely affected the soldier and the war effort. In 1946, With urging from President Harry S. Truman and the full cooperation of the civilian food and packaging industries, Colonel Isker organized the organization which was to become R&DA. As is R&DA's mission today, their mission was to link the government with industry and universities in all areas affecting food. Colonel Isker became the initial Executive Secretary and served as such until 1961. During this initial part of R&DA's history, Chairmen of the Board included representatives from President Eisenhower's personal staff, Swift and Company, Borden Company, General Foods, American Can and Armour and Company. With the full cooperation of the military and industry, R&DA grew to be the major force it is today. R&DA members share a proud heritage of assisting the United States in a meaningful manner.

WHAT DOES R&DA DO? Advises members on the most effective methods to bring their products and services to the attention of the government. Creates a network of individuals working on similar issues. Ensures that members are up to date on research projects, government requirements, and information that may affect industry, academia, and the government. Creates a network of individuals working on similar issues. Conducts a general membership meeting and work group meetings each year. Includes attendees from major and small industrial firms, university, and college professors knowledgeable in the subsistence arena, and representatives from all military services, Department of Defense and various regulatory agencies. **We provide members with major discounts on all R&DA Meetings, Full Meeting Roster attendee contacts printed and online for R&DA Meetings, as well as the opportunity to give briefings/presentations at future R&DA Meetings. You will also have access to The Link electronic newsletter (published three times per year), Government Acronyms Listing, and previous Spring & Fall Presentations. Members receive Yearly Membership Directory that includes Key Military Food Market contacts and Yearly Activities Reports and Group Minutes.**

WHAT CAN R&DA DO FOR YOU? Provide you an opportunity to compete for the thirty billion dollar government food purchases. We link you with the right government agency and its key personnel and assist you in coordinating your R&DA activities with those of the Department of Defense. R&DA enables you to comment on proposed government specifications in our area of expertise. You can present information and studies to representatives of government, academia, and industry. You have the opportunity to make a difference in the direction the government will take in its future activities.

INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS Companies, large or small engaged in:

- Production, processing, preparation, packaging, storage or distribution of food and products.
- Design, manufacture or distribution of containers and packaging materials.
- Manufacture of food processing, food service and packaging equipment.
- Manufacture of chemicals, flavoring, and pharmaceutical products.
- Related products, equipment, services, or communications.

*** Once a company joins as an industrial member, all of their employees are eligible for membership benefits ***

Dues are \$500.00 for one year and allows up to three company members to be identified by name/title in the R&DA directory.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS Non-Profit companies and/or employees of an industrial member company are eligible. Dues are \$150.00 for one year and allow for two members to be identified by name/title in the R&DA directory.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS The individual category is for those who are employed in a field related to the food service or food packaging profession whose company has no membership affiliation. This category is also a great option for retired employees to stay engaged and informed of R&DA activities. Dues are \$100.00 for one year.

CONSULTANT MEMBERS The consultant category of membership is for those involved in advisory services only to businesses and have no direct sales compensation. Dues are \$150.00 for one year and allow for two members to be identified by name/title in the R&DA directory.

BROKERAGE MEMBERS The brokerage category of membership is for those who service companies to sell their products to the military marketplace or commercial customers. Dues are \$250.00 for one year and allow for two members to be identified by name/title in the R&DA directory.

INSTITUTIONAL (ACADEMIA) MEMBERS Professors and food scientists who are employed at prominent colleges or universities and key military and government officials in food, feeding, packaging and food service equipment are eligible. Dues are \$100.00 for one year.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON THE OTHER SIDE



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Type of Membership Industrial Associate Individual Consultant Brokerage Institutional (Academia)

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Website: _____
 Business Description: _____

Secondary Member

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email Address: _____

Additional Member

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email Address: _____

Billing Information

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please complete Application Form and enclose a check or Check Card information for dues to:

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Membership Type:

- Industrial - \$500
- Associate - \$150
- Individual - \$100
- Consultant - \$150
- Brokerage - \$250
- Institutional - \$100 (Academia)

Payment Method:

- Credit Card *complete* →
- Check
Ck# _____

Complete for Credit Card Billing:

American Express VISA MasterCard

Card #: _____
 Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code*: _____
 Name on Card: _____
 Signature: _____

*For Visa or MasterCard, the last three digits of the number printed on the signature strip on the back of the card. For American Express, the four digits printed on the front of the card above the card's account number.