

## Vantage Hosts 2007 IECEX Annual General Meetings in Denver

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The 2007 edition of the IECEX General Meeting will be held in Denver. As a member of the United States National Committee for the IECEX Vantage Technology is honored to host this annual meeting.

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**Vantage** has been working on the planning and organization of the IECEX General Meeting since the Denver site was announced at the 2006 meeting in Shanghai. In addition to a productive week of meetings and symposiums, attendees from over thirty countries will enjoy the lifestyle and amenities that Denver and the West have to offer. Vantage looks forward to extending its hospitality to all attendees.

This weeklong meeting of the IECEX is part of an ongoing effort to engage governments, certifying bodies, testing labs, manufacturers, and industry in the goal of standardizing explosionproof safety throughout the world.



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The IECEX is truly global in concept and practice. It reduces trade barriers caused by different conformity assessment criteria in various countries, and helps industry to open up new markets.

As many countries have their own national standards and certification schemes, the movement of equipment for use in explosive atmospheres between countries is often impeded by the need to re-certify or re-test regardless of previous assessments, which adds to the final cost. Time is wasted by mostly formal, not technical approval procedures, which delays final market access.



The IECEX scheme strives to provide an internationally accepted means of proving that products are independently tested and produced under strict quality controls. Manufacturers that achieve an IECEX Certificate of Conformity are able to prove to customers the world over both the product's compliance with IEC standards and the manufacturer's capability to produce, in a consistent manner, products that meet these globally recognized standards.

IECEX Certificates of Conformity are issued online from the IECEX website. These electronic certificates can be viewed, downloaded and printed by anyone with a responsibility or interest in Ex installation safety. Certification is declared by the IECEX, not the manufacturer, thus eliminating the risk of the product being misrepresented.

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Vantage is honored to host this event and facilitate the progress IECEX continues to achieve. If you are interested in learning more about the IECEX, the September meeting, or explosionproof safety in general, please contact us.



**Vantage** connectors carry more third party product certifications than any manufacturer. Our proven history of service, safety, and reliability make us the premier manufacturer of connectors for hazardous locations and extreme environments.