

2026 BIG 'I' COMPANY PARTNER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES





CORE VALUES

Every day at the Big "I," our national staff works together to uphold the following core values as we support and advocate for independent insurance agents and brokers.



WE ARE SERVICE-ORIENTED.

Providing value and top-notch service to independent agents and brokers is at our core. We are devoted to exceeding the expectations of our customers—our members—by empowering them with the best tools and resources to thrive and serve their communities. The Big "I" champions our members' interests with enthusiasm and care. We serve so they can succeed. As colleagues, we support each other in doing meaningful work through the giving of our time and resources. The Big "I" enhances lives.



WE ARE COLLABORATIVE.

We are creative problem-solvers who enjoy working together to benefit independent agents. We hire smart, passionate people who embrace different perspectives to help us and our members grow. We lean on our partnerships with industry stakeholders to leverage our collective strength. Our teamwork encourages the sharing of ideas, skills, resources ... and fun.



WE ACT WITH INTEGRITY.

In all we do, the Big "I" is guided by unwavering ethics, honesty and morals. We serve our members with accountability and transparency. We act responsibly and reliably. We prove our integrity every day by doing what is right and not what is easy.



WE VALUE INNOVATION.

We embrace change and seek ways to improve and advance in a constantly evolving insurance industry and marketplace. We strive relentlessly to strengthen the independent agency system through different technology, strategies and solutions for our members—both agencies and state associations. The Big "I" is a culture of creativity and continuous improvement.



WE ARE RESPECTFUL.

We value the contributions of all Big "I" members and staff. We treat people with dignity, courtesy, and kindness—regardless of differences in opinion, background or beliefs. We respect each other's time and work. We welcome and encourage different points of view in everything we do.





OUR MISSION.

The Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, Inc., known as the Big "I," is a national association which strives to provide independent insurance agents and brokers with a sustainable competitive advantage in the insurance marketplace by equipping members with tools and resources to maintain excellence in business and customer service.

WHO WE ARE.

The Big "I" is a federation comprised of 51 independent state associations, each led by an executive, staff and a volunteer agent leadership team. Many states also have local chapters. Approximately 25,000 agency locations have joined their state's association, which makes them national Big "I" members and Trusted Choice® agencies. The Big "I" has been proudly serving the independent agency community for more than 125 years.

Independent agents represent multiple insurance carriers and offer choice, customization, and advocacy to their customers. Big "I" members primarily offer property-casualty coverage but some also sell life-health, retirement, and employee benefits products.

OUR STRUCTURE.

The Big "I" is governed by a national board that is made up of an elected seven-person agent executive committee and has one volunteer agent chair and one volunteer agent director from each state association. The top priorities of the Big "I" include effective advocacy for its members in all branches of government and sectors of insurance, as well as effective communications both within and outside the industry on behalf of independent agents and brokers.







HOW WE HELP INDEPENDENT AGENTS.

The Big "I" provides resources to help members build and grow their business. Member agencies have access to exclusive products, services and education created for independent agents, by independent agents and our partners. When the market changes or technology evolves, we support agents with tools and resources to continue to thrive.

BRANDING & MARKETING.

- Custom advertising materials
- Website monitoring
- Education and training
- Reimbursement funds

TALENT PIPELINE.

- Leadership and sales skills for young agents
- Access to candidates and job posting tools
- Agency perpetuation and ownership resources
- Diversity and inclusion training for insurance professionals

RESEARCH & ADVOCACY.

- State and federal legislative advocacy
- In-depth research on the independent agency system
- Best Practices analysis and resources for agencies
- Technical insurance expertise
- Technology resources and roadmaps

Learn more at independentagent.com











EDUCATE CONSUMERS ON THE VALUE OF A TRUSTED **CHOICE®** INDEPENDENT AGENT



EMPOWERING THE INDEPENDENT AGENCY CHANNEL.

Across approximately 25,000 independent agency locations, a unified mission drives success: Helping independent agents and businesses amplify their unique value.

This effort is supported through:

- Marketing Support: Acting as a fractional marketing team for agencies, we deliver expert guidance and tools that are often beyond the scope of internal resources. Services include website analysis, customizable marketing materials, and ready-to-use social media content to boost visibility and engagement.
- Educational Resources & Training: Agents gain access to a wide array of marketing education, best practices, and strategic insights that help them stand out in a competitive market and communicate their distinct value.

Helps independent agents grow their business with expertly crafted marketing resources.

TRUSTEDCHOICE.INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM

 Amplifying Value: We help agents articulate and promote the key advantages they offer—choice, customization, and advocacy—so they can deliver more personalized and effective solutions to their clients.

Supporting Trusted Choice means investing in a robust and prosperous future for the independent agency system.

TRUSTED CHOICE®.

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Annual participation based on every \$100 of propertycasualty written premium:

First year: 50¢

Second year (& beyond): 1¢

Minimum: \$5,000 Maximum: \$450,000



SHAPE THE FUTURE THROUGH RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

BEST PRACTICES.



Create a profitable distribution force by leveraging the analysis of the best agencies in the nation.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/BESTPRACTICES

- Cultivates data from the industry's top performing agencies
- Sets industry performance benchmarks to help agents continuously improve and innovate
- Develops resources and education to empower agents with growth strategies

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Annual investment opportunities vary by individual company involvement.

The Big "I" Council for Best Practices helps independent agents and brokers boost productivity, increase sales and improve agency operations. Sponsors of the program are leading the charge to improve, grow, perpetuate and increase the value of the independent agency system. By supporting the Council for Best Practices, companies have access to the latest data from leading agencies and influence the future direction of the program. Sponsors are invited to education, event and networking opportunities.

In Summer 2025, an elite group of Best Practices agencies were appointed after a nomination and data submission process. The 2025 release is the comprehensive edition that analyzes the new agencies for the first year in a three-year period. A Council for Best Practices meeting will take place in January 2026 in conjunction with the Big "I" Winter Meeting leading into the Best Practices Symposium in 2026, open exclusively to study sponsors.

FUTURE ONE.



Lead industry research and government affairs.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/AGENCYUNIVERSE

- Shapes insurance laws and improves insurance regulation
- Helps develop policy consensus on national and state issues
- Conducts the most authoritative, in-depth research available on the independent agency the Agency Universe Study
- Provides data analysis for company partners

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Annual participation based on written premium:

Less than \$250 million: \$3,000 \$250-\$600 million: \$6,000 \$600-\$750 million: \$12,000 \$750-\$1 billion: \$18,000 More than \$1 billion: \$26,000 Future One brings the industry's top stakeholders together for two critical purposes: industry research, and state and federal government affairs. The Agency Universe Study, which examines industry trends every two years, is the foremost authority on agency operations, technology use, staffing and perpetuation.

Effective legislation and regulation come from teamwork—a philosophy that is the basis of Future One's government affairs efforts. By supporting Future One, companies help secure legislation and regulations that are favorable for the industry.



Leading the industry's technology conversations.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/ACT

ACT collaborates with industry-leading companies and organizations to:

- Facilitate discussions delivering relevant tools to enhance the industry's understanding and use of emerging technology
- Curate alignment in leveraging technology in the independent agency system
- Host webinars and digital content featuring ACT partners' expertise in technology-focused areas important to agents and brokers
- Engage in industry activities, such as speaking opportunities, partner meetings, user groups, collaboration with state associations and other Big "I" programs

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

All pricing based on employee count:

Carriers: Technology Providers:

Active Subsidiary Brands: \$2,000 flat fee per brand (Fees capped at 3rd subsidiary) For more than 25 years, the Agents Council for Technology (ACT) has been at the forefront of industry technology conversations. Our neutral forum, comprised of carriers, technology companies, and passionate member agents and brokers, is dedicated to helping independent agencies embrace technology as a strategic tool for success.

Looking ahead, ACT is committed to expanding its role as a technology advocate for the independent agency channel. With your support, we will deepen our collaboration with partners and Big "I" members to identify and address key technology challenges and opportunities.

In the immediate future, ACT will cultivate resources and relationships around data, connectivity, artificial intelligence, people and culture. These topics form the foundation for our next generation of work groups. These highly interactive teams bring together industry stakeholders to share insights, collaborate openly, and support the independent agent channel with education and resources—all in a non-competitive, forward-thinking environment.



ATTRACT & **DEVELOP** THE BEST TALENT FOR YOUR DISTRIBUTION FORCE

DIVERSITY COUNCIL.



Enhance agency value through diversity.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/DIVERSITY

- Contributes to the growth of Big "I" agencies by ensuring agency ownership, staffing and clientele continues to evolve in both diversity and inclusivity
- Serves as a thought leader across the independent agency channel and beyond on diversity and inclusion principles and best practices
- Offers online resources including educational materials, marketing plans, webinars and best practices on a wide variety of diversity and inclusion topics

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Carrier Partner: \$12,000

Carrier Subsidiary Brand: \$2,500

Brokerage: \$5,000

Get involved with the Big "I" Diversity Council and help the independent agency channel achieve optimal market share growth on a state and national level.

Agents, brokers and carriers look to the Big "I" Diversity Council for research, education and resources to help the independent agency system better understand emerging and diverse markets. In an effort to build a stronger marketplace, the council, made up of agents and company executives, is dedicated to supporting multicultural agency appointments.

Current initiatives include the four-module virtual Inclusive Agency Training Series, Right Start Training Series and Agency Owner Mentorship Program and a new partnership with Hiring Our Heroes. Stay up to date via the quarterly Inclusion in Action e-newsletter and association-wide content collaboration.

INVEST PROGRAM.



Attract top talent to the independent agency channel.

INVESTPROGRAM.ORG

- Provides free insurance education resources to teachers and volunteers
- Creates resources to help independent insurance agents attract and retain talent
- Connects insurance professionals with local educators and aspiring talent
- Offers Invest graduates scholarships for college, community college and licensing courses

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

Industry Champion: \$20,000+ Talent Accelerator: \$15,000 Learning Advocate: \$10,000 Education Supporter: \$5,000

Invest is pleased to continue its mission to provide insurance, financial literacy and risk management education. Thanks to the support of carriers, vendors and the independent agency distribution channel, Invest has introduced more than 33,000 students to the business of insurance. The program has expanded its reach even further by partnering with DECA, a national education association that works with over 200,000 high school students each year. With a particular focus on independent insurance agency careers, Invest continues to showcase the array of rewarding careers in the industry by collaborating with workforce development programs and community colleges. Support Invest, a 501(c)(3) organization, and help cultivate a stronger workforce and create more informed insurance consumers.



Engage a network of future insurance industry leaders.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/YOUNGAGENTS

- Provides sales, leadership, volunteer and networking opportunities
- Encourages young people to protect the industry by involving them in the legislative process
- Cultivates the next generation of independent agency system leaders

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT

A la carte sponsorship opportunities available for Platinum and Gold sponsors:

Platinum: \$12,500 Gold: \$7,500 Silver: \$5,000 Bronze: \$2,500 If connecting with the industry's future decision makers is a priority, partnering with the Big "I" National Young Agents is a priceless opportunity for your organization.

The Big "I" National Young Agents Committee (YAC), comprised of volunteer leaders from around the country, provides young insurance professionals with educational and leadership opportunities to help them cultivate successful and rewarding insurance careers. Companies have an opportunity to build relationships with the future leaders of the independent agency system when they attend the Big "I" Young Agents Leadership Institute and the Big "I" Legislative Conference.

SAVE THE DATES!



Network with industry leaders poised to protect the insurance marketplace.

INDEPENDENTAGENT.COM/EVENTS

BIG "I" LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The annual Big "I" Legislative Conference:

- Creates a unified voice for the independent agency system on Capitol Hill
- Provides networking opportunities with the most influential agents and brokers in the nation

Investment levels for the Big "I" Legislative Conference range from \$5,000-\$50,000+.

The annual Big "I" Legislative Conference is the premier insurance industry event for agents, brokers and company executives. Agents visit over 400 congressional offices during the pilgrimage to the nation's capital. Attendees will be briefed on issues important to the industry to take to their representatives. The power-packed program includes presentations from prominent political speakers, industry insights from Big "I" leadership, ample time to lobby on Capitol Hill and the presentation of various Big "I" awards. Legislators and association leaders are recognized throughout the event for their outstanding service to the industry and the Big "I."

Companies that sponsor this event benefit from exposure to the industry's most influential independent agents and brokers.

2026 BIG "I" LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE





2026 Big "I" Legislative Conference April 22–24, 2026 Westin Downtown Hotel DC Washington, D.C.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2027!





2027 Big "I" Legislative Conference April 7–9, 2027 Westin Downtown Hotel DC Washington, D.C.

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