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Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

For close to a half century, I have been intimately involved in every aspect of the body art industry, from janitor to owner of studios and educational enterprises. Some of the most relevant and contemporary benchmarks and outreach activities are listed below:

Businesses Owned:

Owner/operator: Absolute Tattoo, Piercing and Permanent Cosmetics, San Diego, California.

Established: 1998 - A fully functioning and staffed body art facility.

Owner/developer: Cathy Montie Body Art Training Company

Established: 2005 - An educational business providing approved industry-specific bloodborne pathogen control certification training, industry-specific compliance training, customized Exposure Control and Infection Prevention Plans, industry resources, and other courses, both online and onsite.

Current Licenses, Accreditations, Committees, and Memberships:

- State of Hawaii: Licensed Tattoo Artist License No. 347
- State of California: Licensed Cosmetologist License No. KK298924
- County of San Diego, CA: Permit to Operate Body Art DEH2004-FBAF-412558
- Los Angeles County, CA: Authorized Trainer Accreditation No. 14-003
- County of San Bernardino, CA: Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS): Recognized Provider for Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) continuing education
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA): Authorized Outreach Industry-Specific Trainer: I.D. U00429425
- National Environmental Health Association (NEHA): Body Art Model Code Committee Member
- California Environmental Health Association CEHA: Current Member
- Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO): Body Art Committee Member, Body Art Education Alliance Committee Member
- State of Kansas: Board of Cosmetology Statutes and Regulations Review Committee Member
- Dun & Bradstreet: DUNS #04-474-6019

Former Memberships and Committees:

- California Alliance for the Promotion of Safe Body Art (CAPSBA): Founding Member
- Society of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals (SPCP): Member and Trainer 2005
- The National Tattoo Association: Member, 30 years

Speaking Engagements: Seminars, Webinars and Presentations:

- California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) Webinar February 25, 2021: Presentation Topic: Safety Overview of the Body Art Industry
- California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) Annual Educational Symposium -Monterey CA, March 6, 2020: Presentation Topic: BAMC and the AB300
- Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Annual Educational Conference for the Body Art Industry - Atlanta GA, June, 2019: Industry Expert Panel member
- The Association of Professional Piercers (APP) Education and Training Conference Las Vegas NV May, 2019: Presentation Topic: Documentation Standards for the Piercing Industry
- Golden State Tattoo Shows: Training Seminars Pasadena, CA: 2015 ongoing: Presentation Topic: Bloodborne Pathogens Control
- State of California: Regulator Training Seminars -The Counties of Monterey, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, Riverside, Los Angeles, Humboldt and Santa Cruz: Winter/Spring/Summer, 2012: Presentation Topic: Review California State Safe Body Art Law AB 300, Bloodborne Pathogen Training & Body Art Safety
- Mega Productions: Training Seminars California, Colorado, Illinois, Arizona and Texas: 2012

 ongoing: Presentation Topic: Bloodborne Pathogens Control
- The American Electrology Association (AEA) Annual Conference Las Vegas, NV, 2010: Presentation Topic: Bloodborne Pathogens Training for Electrology Professionals
- California Alliance for the Promotion of Safe Body Art (CAPSBA) & Co-sponsor Bay Area Regional Health - California Environment Health Department San Jose, CA: August, 30, 2008: Emcee - Body Art Safety Seminar
- California Alliance for the Promotion of Safe Body Art (CAPSBA) 4th Annual Body Art Safety Seminar - San Diego, CA: November 15, 2007: Presentation Topic: Industry Topics
- County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health First Annual Body Art Education Conference: December 14, 2004: Presentation Topic: Industry Topics
- Bloodborne Pathogen Control Training online and in-person: 2005 ongoing

Associated Work

- Co-founder, former President, and former Member of the Board of Directors, California Alliance for the Promotion of Safe Body Art, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation
- California State Department of Environmental Health: 2007 ongoing: Body Art working group representative
- Recognized as a Qualified Legal Expert Witness