

## Appendix I

## Professional Code of Ethics

The reliance of society and the industry on the information reported by CSI Accredited Auditors and Recognized Organic Inspectors imposes an obligation that these people maintain high standards of technical competence and integrity.

Therefore, each CSI Accredited Auditor and Recognized Organic Inspector shall be asked to read, understand and apply the following code of ethics:

1. Auditors and inspectors as professionals shall exercise honesty, objectivity and diligence in the performance of all audit duties and responsibilities.
2. Auditors and inspectors shall not engage in any act or omission of a dishonest, deceitful or fraudulent nature.
3. Auditors and inspectors shall continually seek to maintain and improve their professional knowledge, skills and competence.
4. Auditors and inspectors shall not knowingly misrepresent facts and when expressing an audit opinion shall use all reasonable care to obtain sufficient facts to support all statements. In their reporting, auditors and inspectors shall reveal all facts which if not revealed could distort the report.
5. Auditors and inspectors shall avoid any activity which would prejudice their ability to carry out their professional duties and responsibilities objectively.
6. Auditors and inspectors shall not use confidential information gathered during the course of an audit or inspection for personal gain. Auditors and inspectors shall not disclose confidential information gained in the course of an audit or inspection.