

Advance Notice to Contractors/Subcontractors

CALTRANS' SSPC QP REQUIREMENT NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS/SUBCONTRACTORS REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS TO BE SSPC QP1, QP2 AND QP3 CERTIFIED

Any contractor or subcontractor engaged in:

surface preparation and coating of structural steel, hazardous paint removal, collection, or containment or, shop painting of structural steel

shall meet the following requirements:

If only surface preparation and coating application are required by the contract, and the total area of steel to be painted is **greater than 30,000 square feet, then SSPC-QP 1 Certification will be required.**

If the total area of steel to be painted is **less than or equal to 30,000 square feet, then SSPC-QP 1 Certification will not be required**, however, the work must be **performed in accordance with the requirements in Section 3, "General Qualification Requirements," of the Society for Protective Coatings Qualification Procedure No. 1.** New and existing paint contractors/subcontractors can use the projects in this classification to obtain their SSPC-QP 1 Certification.

If hazardous paint removal is a part of the contract, and the total steel area of paint removal **exceeds 500 square feet, then SSPC-QP 2 Certification (Category A)** will be required. If the total steel area of paint removal is **less than or equal to 500 square feet, then SSPC-QP 2 Certification (Category A) will not be required**, however, the work must be **performed in accordance with the requirements in Sections 4.2 through 4.4.6 of the Society for Protective Coatings Qualification Procedure No. 2 (Category A).**

If shop painting of structural steel is a part of the contract, and the total area of steel to be shop painted **exceeds 500 square feet, then AISC-420-10/SSPC-QP 3 Certification (Enclosed Shop)** will be required. If the total area of steel to be shop painted is **less than or equal to 500 square feet, then SSPC-QP 3 Certification will not be required, however, the work must be performed in accordance with the requirements in Sections 5-18 of the AISC: American Institute of Steel Construction and SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings Certification Standard for Shop Application of Complex Protective Coating Systems.**

On jobs requiring **Certification(s)**, proof of certification of the Contractor/subcontractor under the SSPC QP Certification Program is **required to be submitted prior to the start of job site activities, unless otherwise indicated in the contract special provisions.**

Contractors/subcontractors must maintain their SSPC QP certifications specified in the contract in good standing throughout the duration of the contract.

The QP 1 Certification Program is based on SSPC-QP 1, Standard Procedure for Evaluating the Qualifications of Industrial/Marine Painting Contractors. The QP 2 Certification Program is based on SSPC-QP 2, Standard for Evaluating Painting Contractors (Removal of Hazardous Coatings from Industrial/Marine Steel Structures). The QP 3 Certification Program is based on AISC-420-10/SSPC-QP 3, Certification Standard for Shop Application of Complex Protective Coating Systems. Additional information about the Painting Contractor Certification Program (PCCP) can be obtained from SSPC's website at www.sspc.org or contact Shawn W. Nedley from SSPC at 412-288-6029 or 877-281-7772, ext. 2210 or e-mail nedley@sspc.org.

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