



TAKE THE NEXT STEP - GETTING SPECIFIED

SSPC offers free consultations to facility owners to help them implement certification requirements into their coatings program. SSPC also provides contract and bid notice language that owners can use or modify to specify SSPC certification, and supplies lists of certified contractors for consideration.

In addition, SSPC can provide training on certification requirements and standards for contractors and agency officials at facilities where certification is being implemented.

Contact SSPC to learn how you can benefit from including SSPC's certification quality programs in your next coating or lining project.

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QP 8, INSTALLATION OF POLYMER COATINGS AND SURFACES ON CONCRETE AND OTHER CONTENTIOUS SURFACES

This QP certification evaluates the qualifications of contractors hired to install polymer coatings or surfaces on concrete surfaces in commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities.

The objective of the program is to provide owners and their agents with a tool for pre-qualified contractors who wish to bid on their projects. To achieve certification, companies are assessed in several key areas:

- Management procedures
- Technical knowledge
- Quality control procedures
- Personnel qualifications
- Safety, health, and environmental compliance.

Companies seeking certification must also demonstrate their ability to:

- Perform substrate evaluation, repair, and treatment
- Conduct surface preparation operations
- Install coatings and surfacings over concrete-based substrates
- Implement their quality program in the field
- Meet the conditions and restrictions specified by the owner.

These areas are first evaluated through a series of submittals describing the contractor's business operations. Then an impartial, on-site audit of a representative active job-site is performed to verify that the programs and practices are being implemented and used. Companies that fail to meet the standards of the program are subject to disciplinary actions ranging from a basic warning to suspension and revocation of their certification.

The SSPC QP 8 Certification Program does not involve inspection of the contractor's work. The program is also not intended to guarantee the quality or safety performance of a specific contractor on any of its projects. Rather, it is intended to assist facility owners or others in their evaluation of potential bidders. While SSPC certification confirms a company's capability to meet the requirements of SSPC QP 8, owners, specifiers and general contractors are encouraged to also assess the installation contractor's financial ability to perform a job as well as the contractor's previous work history, capability to meet site-specific requirements and other areas not covered under this program.

