

Specifying NACE 13 / ACS-1

Placing Requirements for Applicator Certification in Project Specifications

Each specification is different and should be developed around the specific project requirements however the following model language can be placed in each section of the specification that requires surface preparation and paint application. As well as any "Certifications Required" or "Submittals" Section. First decide if you want all workers on the project to be certified or if you would prefer a ratio.

All Workers Maintain Level 2 Certification

It shall be the "Contractor's" responsibility to ensure that all craft workers that perform surface preparation or coating application shall be certified by a recognized Applicator Certification Agency, in accordance with NACE 13 / SSPC ACS-1, Applicator Certification Standard, and shall maintain at minimum a current Level 2 certification, while engaging in any surface preparation or coating application. Craft Workers who do not possess a current and valid certification as outlined above, will not be allowed to perform work on the project. Any delay to the completion of the project due to any invalid or expired certifications will not be considered, and liquidated damages shall not be waived for any non-performance by the "Contractor". The "Owner" shall be notified of any change in craft worker certification status.

Ratio of Level I and Level II Workers

It shall be the "Contractor's" responsibility to ensure that all craft workers that perform surface preparation or coating application shall be certified by a recognized Applicator Certification Agency, in accordance with NACE 13 / SSPC ACS-1, Applicator Certification Standard, and shall maintain a current certification, while engaging in any surface preparation or coating application. Craft Workers who do not possess a current and valid certification as outlined above, will not be allowed to perform work on the project. At the contractor's discretion, they may employ a maximum ratio of 25% Level I Certified workers to 75% Level II Certified workers, certified in accordance with the aforementioned standard. Any delay to the completion of the project due to any invalid or expired certifications will not be considered, and liquidated damages shall not be waived for any non-performance by the "Contractor". The "Owner" shall be notified of any change in craft worker certification status.

Ratio of Certified to Non-Certified Workers

It shall be the "Contractor's" responsibility to ensure that a minimum of 50% of all craft workers that perform surface preparation or coating application shall be certified by a recognized Applicator Certification Agency, in accordance with NACE 13 / SSPC ACS-1, Applicator Certification Standard, and shall maintain a current certification, while engaging in any surface preparation or coating application. Craft Workers who do not possess a current and valid certification as outlined above, will not be allowed to perform work on the project. At the

contractor's discretion, they may employ a maximum ratio of 25% Level I Certified workers to 75% Level II Certified workers, certified in accordance with the aforementioned standard. Any delay to the completion of the project due to any invalid or expired certifications will not be considered, and liquidated damages shall not be waived for any non-performance by the "Contractor". The "Owner" shall be notified of any change in craft worker certification status.

Dealing with Sub-Contracting

If an owner chooses to allow sub-contracting of work, the following clause may be added to the appropriate section of the specification, to ensure quality in the final work product.

It shall be the "Contractor's" responsibility to ensure that any sub-contractors to which they assign any part of the work encompassed within the scope of this specification, meet the same contract requirements, including all certification and qualification requirements.