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Industry established certification programs exist that are directed towards improvement and maintenance of the quality of the products in the particular industry, e.g., the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) Plant Certification Program, the Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC) Painting Contractor Certification Program, the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Quality Certification Program and, in the near future, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) Epoxy Coating Applicator Plant Certification Program.

These programs establish a common requirement of quality for all member companies, enhance the integrity of the industries and help ensure that the product produced will best serve owner agencies. To this end, owner agencies should be encouraged to require the previously mentioned certification of producers involved in federally funded projects. The concept of certification is one mechanism by which the industry and the owners can work together in sustaining quality control and quality assurance programs for improved performance and economy in structures.

If you have any suggestions or comments concerning the use of certification programs as a tool for enhancing the quality, longevity and economy of bridges, please contact us. Some of the certifying industries will be sending some further information to you regarding these programs in the near future.



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