



To All 2008 QP1 Certified Contractors

As you may already know, the Contractor Pre-Qualification Committee revised the QP1 earlier this year. As a result, several major changes will appear in the 2009 QP1 Program Rules, Initial and Maintenance Applications, as well as, the Audit Checklist. Below is a summary of these changes:

- Job Notifications (JN) have become a required Audit Item (job-site and office Audits) per the revised Audit Checklist and the Disciplinary Action Criteria (DAC).
- Quality Control Supervisors (QCS) must commit in 2009 to formal QCS training by 2010. A QCS can apply for exemption from this requirement (provided they have 5 years experience as a QCS with a QP1 or ISO 9001 Contractor and have no major Quality Management System [QMS] Audit deficiencies in the most recent 5 years under their watch).

Note: SSPC QCS training will be available on-line January 15, 2009

- Project Quality Control Inspection documents must be kept at the home office a minimum of 3 years after a QP1 project is completed (unless a longer time is specified by the specification and/or contract).
- Corrective Action Procedures must be used/documented when QMS system deficiencies exist.
- At least one currently trained First Aid/CPR individual must be present on every job-site.

The 2009 QP1 Initial Application, Maintenance Application, and Internal Audit Checklist will be on the SSPC website by December 15, 2008. Please contact Norm Suzich / Certification Manager with any questions (Telephone: 877-281-7772 X2235, Facsimile: 412-231-9993 or Email: suzich@sspc.org).

***Register for PACE 2009 in New Orleans, LA on February 15-18, 2009
(QP Advisory Committee Meetings are on February 17, 2009)***