



# Professional Reference Form Protective Coatings Specialist Certification Program

## General Information

The candidate is applying to SSPC for the designation of SSPC Protective Coatings Specialist. Applicants must meet requirements for coatings-related training and general education and experience, and must provide Professional References. An SSPC Protective Coatings Specialist is considered to have the capability to:

- Assess the service performance of coatings systems;
- Conduct coating failure analysis;
- Develop coating specifications for new construction and/or maintenance coating;
- Develop painting specifications that address relevant safety and environmental regulations, as well as facility constraints;
- Evaluate field and shop coating work procedures;
- Select appropriate coating systems;
- Utilize results of coating failure analysis.

Please complete this form as thoroughly as possible and return it to the SSPC PCS Administrator.  
Note: Although every effort is made to keep references confidential, SSPC cannot guarantee confidentiality.

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| Name of PCS Candidate       |  |
| Your Name                   |  |
| Title                       |  |
| Company/Organization        |  |
| Address                     |  |
| City/ State / zip / Country |  |
| Phone                       |  |
| Email address               |  |

1. You have personal knowledge, upon which to provide feedback regarding the applicant, and their competence as a coating professional, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (estimated month/year).
2. Relationship to the applicant: \_\_\_Supervisor \_\_\_Client \_\_\_Professional Peer Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you related to the applicant? Yes / No If 'yes' – How are you related: \_\_\_\_\_

## Professional Practice

1. Please indicate your opinion of the applicant's capabilities in each of the following activities:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Poor, 1 = N/A

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| Coating system performance evaluation  | _____ |
| Coating system Selection               | _____ |
| Development of coatings specifications | _____ |
| Coating failure analysis               | _____ |
| Knowledge of application procedures    | _____ |
| Development of painting contracts      | _____ |

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**PCS Professional Reference / Professional Practice:**

- 2. What percentage of time does the applicant spend in protective coatings activities? \_\_\_\_\_%
- 3. What work activities, other than those concerned with protective coatings, are assigned to the applicant in his/her position?

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- 4. Please describe any significant technical deficiencies of the applicant.

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- 5. Do you consider the applicant to be a competent professional in the field of industrial coatings? \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Please provide any addition information or comments, you believe would be helpful to SSPC in evaluating the applicant for PCS Certification:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to:



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