

QP BASE: Evaluating General Qualifications of Contractors Seeking QP Accreditation

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Foreword

This standard describes a method for evaluating the general qualifications of firms seeking accreditation under standards for contractor accreditation (hereafter “Qualification Program [QP] standards”).

Scope

This is not a standalone standard, as it is intended to be used in conjunction with other standards that incorporate it by reference. The purpose of this standard is to determine whether a contractor:

- a. Has a corporate organization that clearly defines the authority and responsibilities of positions typically required for operation of a contracting firm;
- b. Employs qualified management and utilizes qualified craft personnel and other workers;
- c. Has established and implemented a quality management system meeting the requirements of the referencing QP standard;
- d. Has established and implemented a written worker safety and health program meeting requirements of the referencing QP standard;
- e. Has established and implemented environmental protection procedures meeting requirements of the referencing QP standard;
- f. Demonstrates knowledge of industry technical standards and good practice.

Rationale

This standard covers non-technical elements that are not unique to any specific type of work, such as shared defined terms and administrative and management procedures. It may be incorporated by other referencing QP standards to allow those standards to focus on technical matters and eliminate overlap with other numbered standards.

The latest edition, revision, or amendment of the referenced standards in effect shall govern unless otherwise dated.

Referenced Standards and Other Consensus Documents

AMPP/NACE/SSPC, www.ampp.org:

NACE/ASTM G193 Standard Terminology and Acronyms Relating to Corrosion

Other referenced standards may be added to this table by the referencing QP standard as needed.

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Section 1: General

- 1.1 This is not a standalone standard, as it is intended to be used in conjunction with other standards that incorporate it by reference. It is intended for contractors seeking accreditation in materials protection and performance industries under other numbered QP standards. It is not intended for inspection or consulting companies.
- 1.2 When the referencing QP standard adds requirements to those described within a section or subsection of this standard, they will be in addition to the requirements of this standard. The additional requirements do not replace the requirements of this standard unless it is explicitly stated as such in the referencing QP standard. It is the intent of this standard that it will be referenced and adopted in its entirety by the referencing QP standard to the fullest extent possible.

Detailed classifications of craft workers may be added in Paragraph 4.2 or Appendix A of the referencing QP standard. [Appendix A](#) (nonmandatory) of this standard is a placeholder.