

Benefits of AISC Certification Erectors & Fabricators

It demonstrates your commitment to quality.

AISC Certification shows your dedication to quality—by confirming that your company does what it says it does. AISC Certification helps highlight that your company has the personnel, knowledge, organization, equipment, experience, capability, procedures and commitment to produce quality work.

It builds-in quality from the start.

AISC Certification goes far beyond product inspection requirements—it examines a company's quality management systems as a whole. The program results in a quality management system embedded within an organization to increase productivity, which helps to reduce unnecessary costs and ensure the quality of processes. The result is better quality without the need for special inspection. AISC-Certified companies are required to have complete QMS that covers the entire fabrication or erection process, from quality goals to employee training to product delivery.

It increases the consistency of your operations.

Nobody likes to find mistakes, especially mistakes that cost the project time or money. AISC Certification helps reduce the risk of problems by requiring documented procedures to be followed to ensure that you deliver a consistent level of quality.

It makes you look good when questions are asked.

What if a piece of steel delivered to the jobsite last week suddenly turns up damaged? Do you have the documentation to show that it was delivered to the site unharmed? What if a coating system starts to peel? Do you have documentation regarding the surface prep? When these processes are part of your QMS, you will have the information you need.

It makes your firm better, every day.

A key feature of AISC Quality Certification programs is that they require you to set goals for improvement. Even the best and brightest company—regardless of size—benefits by reviewing its quality procedures on a regular basis.

It provides value to the client.

Section 1704 of the *International Building Code (IBC)* and Chapter N of the *AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* all for the waiving of the special inspection requirements for structural steel fabricators and erectors approved by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Most AHJs approve AISC-certified fabricators and erectors. This saves the project money and time because those inspections are performed with in-house staff, resulting in a better-quality project at a lower cost.

It makes you think.

Every fabricator and erector should have some type of QMS, but AISC Certification ensures that yours is successful and adhered to. A good QMS will identify errors early and address them in a way that benefits your bottom line by eliminating their recurrence.



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