

Benefits of AISC Certification Specifiers

It assists in achieving your desired level of quality.

Have you run into issues on projects that didn't require AISC Certification—or on projects that specified AISC Certification but the requirements were waived? Nobody likes to find mistakes, especially ones that cost the project time or money. AISC's program is designed to check that companies don't just say they have procedures in place—but are actually following them. Through the auditing process, the program verifies a company's QMS is meeting the certification requirements and therefore meeting your specified level of quality.

It helps evaluate and prequalify bidders.

Sometimes you just don't have a relationship with fabricators or erectors near your project. Or maybe the project team needs a short list of bidders. Selecting AISC-Certified companies can identify a steel team that has an active, dedicated quality management system in place and adhered to. The easiest way to find an AISC-Certified fabricator or erector is to visit www.aisc.org/certsearch.

It's more than words in a specification.

We often hear from the design team, "I don't have any control over who the G.C. hires for this project." They may not make the final decision, but by specifying AISC Certification, the design team is making a strong statement about their commitment to quality. The project team is committed to producing a quality set of drawings and specifications, so why stop there? Specifying AISC-Certified fabricators and erectors maintains a quality management system affecting the entire fabrication and erection process.

It provides value to your project.

Section 1704 of the *International Building Code (IBC)* and Chapter N of the *AISC Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* allow for the waiving of special inspection requirement 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 by the fabricator or erector with their own in-house staff.

It builds-in quality from the start.

AISC Certification goes far beyond product inspection requirements—it examines a company's quality management system as a whole. AISC-Certified companies are required to have a complete QMS that covers the entire fabrication or erection process, from quality goals to employee training to product delivery.

It demonstrates commitment.

By becoming AISC-Certified, companies make the statement that they are dedicated to quality. AISC Certification is a sign that the company has the personnel, knowledge, organization, equipment, experience, capability, procedures, and commitment to produce quality work.

It makes every project a quality project.

AISC Certification isn't just for large or complicated construction projects. By specifying AISC Certification on every project, even smaller projects can benefit from the expertise of AISC-Certified fabricators and erectors.



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