

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

Certifications are recognized by all AMC Major Subordinate Commands. Due to the increased knowledge of, and confidence in the contractor, and the corresponding decreased risk to the Government, certified contractors may be granted benefits such as any or all of the following after contract award on a case-by-case basis:

- ◆ Reduction or elimination of First Article Test (FAT) requirements.
- ◆ Gage design review/approval for major/minor characteristics.
- ◆ Reduction or elimination of inspections/tests based on SPC.
- ◆ Reduced Government oversight and reporting requirements.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE?

The Army Materiel Command is constantly pursuing efforts toward expanding/improving this program. There are on-going efforts addressing additional benefits in the award decision process. The benefits of certification will continue to increase as we continue our pursuit of acquisition reform.

HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Further information on (CP)², is available on the world wide web:

<http://www.cbdcom.apgea.army.mil/CP2/> or contact any of the (CP)² Points of Contact (POCs) listed below:

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CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

ARE YOU READY FOR A QUALITY CHALLENGE?

The Contractor Performance Certification Program, (CP)², is truly a win-win program for you and the Government. Join us in the journey to quality excellence. Contractors successfully completing a meticulous certification process are formally recognized by the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC). The (CP)² certification process identifies contractors committed to total quality, customer satisfaction, and continuous improvement in their design & development and/or production processes.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All contractors who have had or anticipate having contracts with any AMC Major Subordinate Command may voluntarily participate.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

First, notify your Army MSC (CP)² coordinator about your interest, and request a briefing. After receiving an informational briefing, you can initiate the certification process by formally requesting acceptance into the program.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A self assessment followed by Government/contractor reviews of your facility are conducted in accordance with program criteria. All U.S. Government customers of your facility are invited to participate in certification assessments.

WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES TO CERTIFICATION?

- ◆ Total Management Commitment to Quality.
- ◆ Focus on Customer Satisfaction.
- ◆ Strong Utilization of Statistical Methods.
- ◆ Preventative / Proactive Internal Auditing.
- ◆ Continuous Quality and Productivity Improvement.

HOW LONG WILL THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS TAKE?

Time to certification is dependent upon the present status of your quality system as well as the speed at which process improvements can be made to satisfy program criteria. The certification process may take in excess of two years.

WHAT ARE THE ASSESSOR QUALIFICATIONS?

All assessors have received appropriate training. Many assessors with AMC are certified by recognized organizations such as the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) or the Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB).

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Contractors who become (CP)² certified gain the advantages inherent in producing quality designs/products including:

- ◆ Reduced scrap and rework.
- ◆ Reduced customer complaints.
- ◆ Improved yield rates.
- ◆ Enhanced facility reputation.
- ◆ Enhanced competitive position.
- ◆ Reduced contract administration costs.

HOW DOES (CP)² RELATE TO ISO 9000?

The ISO 9000 (ANSI/ASQC Q9000) series quality system requirements form the framework for the (CP)² evaluation criteria. With the addition of advanced quality principles and practices, (CP)² goes well beyond the ISO 9000 models. Contractors achieving (CP)² certification are recognized for highly responsive world-class quality systems.