Training Organizations Partner on Industrial Paint Applicator Program

HOUSTON (Feb. 8, 2007) - NACE International and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), two leading providers of industry education, training, and certification, are joining forces to deliver a comprehensive industrial coating applicator training and certification program.

The NCCER/NACE Industrial Coatings Applicator Training and Certification Program follows the NACE/SSPC standard - “Industrial Coating and Lining Application Specialist Qualification.” Slated for a 2007 release, the written standard will define levels of training for all industrial painting personnel. It includes criteria for the knowledge, skills, and experience required of an application specialist for preparing surfaces and applying protective coatings to steel and concrete surfaces of complex industrial structures.

“NACE training programs have grown substantially in recent years, and we are consistently asked for an applicator training program that can be delivered outside the traditional classroom setting,” said Tony Keane, NACE Executive Director. “NACE sought a training partner with credentials in craft training to meet the special hands-on requirements of this workforce, and it was apparent that NCCER is the organization with the most experience and success.”

Deidre Dunkin, President of Dunkin and Bush, an industrial coating applications company, enthusiastically endorsed the partnership and training program. “Coating application personnel are often the first line of defense in protecting structures from the effects of corrosion; therefore, quality training of applicators is key to our company and the industry as a whole,” said Dunkin.

The NCCER/NACE Industrial Coatings Applicator Training and Certification Program will include material from NCCER’s Core Curriculum for construction-related training. The curricula is developed by subject matter experts, ensuring exceptional training that meets or exceeds industry standards.

“The key to combating the diminishing workforce is to build skilled craft professionals and ensure the portability of their skills across the industry,” said NCCER President Don Whyte. “This program will bring us one step closer to accomplishing that goal.”

The first two levels of the coating applicator training program, designed to meet the needs of the upcoming industry standard, are scheduled for completion by February 2008. NACE and NCCER have entered into discussions for a third level in the near future.
NACE International is a professional technical association dedicated to protecting people, assets, and the environment from the effects of corrosion. Established in 1943, it has more than 17,000 members worldwide and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences, and produces industry standards, reports, publications, and software. More information about NACE International can be found at www.nace.org.

NCCER was created by the construction industry to develop standardized curriculum with portable credentials and to help address the skilled construction workforce shortage. NCCER is recognized by the industry as the training, assessment, certification, and career development standard for the construction, maintenance, and pipeline craft professional. For more information, visit www.nccer.org or contact NCCER customer service at 888-622-3720.

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