



Accreditation has a great return on investment!

AC478 accreditation provides tangible proof that you have the personnel, organization, experience, knowledge, management procedures and commitment to assemble metal building systems. It is a standard to level the playing field and improve the end product. Benefits for accredited companies may include:

- A competitive edge in the marketplace and a marketing advantage that improves your ability to secure new business. Accreditation is the standard to select qualified companies with which to do business;
- Opportunities to bid on projects that include specification language requiring IAS accreditation to AC478 for qualified assemblers;
- Reduction in assembly costs. The accreditation process includes criteria (i.e. training, procedures, internal audits, etc.) that are tools to help companies reduce errors and associated costs during construction;
- Enhanced risk management and risk reduction for accredited companies. Accreditation requires complying with safety standards, requirements in codes and standards, internal audits and on-site assessments. The achievement of excellence via competence reduces the likelihood of risk;
- Public commitment to excellence. IAS accreditation shows that an assembler is serious about setting, achieving and maintaining high standards. Accreditation provides external validation and confirmation of company's commitment to quality that can strongly impact its reputation and standing in the industry;
- Confidence of the marketplace. Architects, specifiers, owners and members of the public have greater confidence in a company that has been accredited and is continually working to improve its services;
- Due diligence. Accredited companies have a stronger defense against litigation through documentation, assessment from a third-party, and the demonstration of a "good faith" effort to improve work performance;
- For prospective customers, accreditation serves a consumer protection purpose. It provides assurance that the company has been independently evaluated and has met approved standards established by and with the profession;
- For the federal government and other regulatory agencies, it may serve as a basis for determining eligibility for federally and state-funded projects;
- Accredited members receive feature listings in the MBCEA website directory.
- Use the IAS Accreditation Mark to promote accreditation status on websites, business cards and promotional materials and bid documents.



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