# National Pavement Preservation Certifications – What's in it for me?

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## History of National Certification

- Winter of 2014 ISSA Slurry / Micro Committee begin internal discussions about the need for contractor certification.
- Winter of 2015 ISSA Board of Directors presents the Certification plan to its members for approval
- ► Summer of 2015 ISSA / NCPP / AASHTO TSP2 collaborate on the certification and testing plan.
- ▶ January of 2016 NCPP holds first round of certification testing at the ISSA Slurry Systems Workshop.
- Spring of 2016 AASHTO (TSP2) Oversight Panel authorized the development of a Pavement Preservation Treatment Certification Program.





## ISSA / NCPP

- ISSA decided early on that the program would not have credibility if it was managed by a contractor organization. ISSA believed that NCPP was the best organization to manage the program because:
  - Nationwide reputation as a Pavement Preservation resource
  - Access to AASHTO TSP2
  - Affiliation with an accredited university (MSU) that could provide testing software and guidance.
  - Ability and availability to manage the certification program and database.





## Certification Roles and Responsibilities

#### NCPP

- Program Management
- Education and Training
- Testing
- Certified Employee Database
- AASHTO
  - Program Oversite through TSP2
- ISSA
  - Education and Training







## NCPP Hosted Training

- Certification Study Guides
  - Chip Seal Guide
  - Slurry Surfacing Guide
- ▶ ISSA / FHWA Web Based Training
  - Hosted on NCPP Website
  - Slurry Surfacing, Chip Seal, Crack Seal
  - Update Project
- ETF / NCHRP Demo Training
- NCPP On-Site Training
  - Standard Training
  - Refresher Only







# Slurry Systems Certification



**Session Guide** 

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# Chip Seal Certification



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## International Slurry Surfacing Association

Slurry & Micro Surfacing, Chip Sealing & Crack Treatment

#### **How to Construct High Quality Chip Seal Treatments**



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### International Slurry **Surfacing Association**

Slurry & Micro Surfacing, Chip Sealing & Crack Treatment

#### How to Construct High Quality Slurry Seal & **Micro Surfacing Treatments**



#### Slurry Seal and Micro Surfacing -Part 1

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# DESIGN & INSPECTION MANUAL

For Slurry Surfacing Systems

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## **Employee Certification**

- Slurry Systems
- Chip Seal
- Crack Seal
- Contractor
  - Must score above 70% on 80-question test.
- Agency
  - Must score above 70% on a 50-question test.
- Certification belongs to the employee
- Valid for 3-Years





## **Certification Testing**

- On-Line
  - Register on the Pavement Preservation.org
  - Test is taken using Proctored Software (Respondus LockDown Browser)
- ▶ On–Site
  - Customers Location
  - ISSA Slurry Systems Workshop
  - 2023 TSP2 National Pavement Preservation Conference
  - 2024 TSP2 Annual Meetings





## Contractor Company Certification

- Contractors are Certified Yearly
- Contractor must provide a statement from executive leadership that commits to the program.
- ▶ They Must Prove:
  - ISSA Web Based Training and/or
  - NCPP Training and/or
  - Internal Training



Pavement Preservation Company Certification

for 2022

ViaSun Corporation

of

Phoenix, Arizona



has met all requirements and highest quality standards for the placement of

Slurry System Treatments

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## Contractor Certification - Additional Requirements

- Contractor must develop and submit a full Quality Management plan that includes:
  - Quality Control Team
  - Material Sourcing and Review
  - Mix Design Responsibility and Review
  - Quality Control of Specific Materials (Aggregate, Emulsion, Mineral Filler, Additives, Water)
  - Compliance with Job Mix Formula (JMF)
  - Equipment Requirements and Inspection
  - Application Quality Control (Application Rate, adherence to JMF, surface preparation, surface aesthetics)
  - Traffic Control as it relates to project quality
  - Weather Limitations
  - Problem Solving





What does National certification do for the municipality contracting with the supplier? Do they have to take a test and have continuing education or is it just a paid membership?





- Here are the benefits to you as an Agency for requiring a Contractor Company Certification:
  - Assurance that many of the contractors' employees are trained.
  - Key employees are certified and have passed an 80-question knowledge test.
  - The executive team makes a personal commitment to quality.
  - The company has developed a specific Quality Management Plan that tells the employees what to do and what not to do in many situations. The plan also tells them what to do when they have a problem.
  - The project Quality Management Plan should be submitted to the agency during the pre-construction process.





### Contractor Quality Management Plan

- The Contractor must develop and submit a Plan that includes:
  - A current list of Quality Control Team Members
  - Specific Material Sourcing and Review Process
  - Mix Design Responsibility and Review Process
  - Quality Control of Project Materials (Agg, Emulsion, Mineral Filler)
  - Compliance with Job Mix Formula (JMF)
  - Equipment Maintenance and Inspection
  - Traffic Controls (as it relates to project quality)
  - Weather Limitations
  - Problem Solving Responsibilities
  - Application Quality Control
    - Application Rate
    - Adherence to JMF
    - Surface Preparation
    - Surface Quality (aesthetics)





- Benefits of certifying your Agency employees:
  - They understand how to design and specify preservation projects.
  - They understand the points of the Contractor Quality Management Plan.
  - They can immediately identify when the contractor starts having issues and can suggest solutions to change the trajectory of the project.





## Final Thoughts

- ▶ Contractors make a significant investment to become certified. Individual testing and certification costs \$300 per person plus training expenses. Company certification costs \$1,000 per year plus individual certification costs. A large company with multiple crews could easily spend over \$10,000 to gain their first certification.
- ▶ We encourage agencies to require either certified employees or a certified contractor when bidding on preservation contracts. Please note that it would take a contractor at least 2 months to certify their employees and up to 4 months to obtain company certification.





## Questions?





