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### **Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Announces Certification for International Epoxy Coating Plants**

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute has recently announced that its Voluntary Certification Program for Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coating Applicator Plants is now available to international plants.

CRSI has provided certification of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel plants in North America since 1991. Since then, the certification program has been implemented in plants across North America. More than 20 U.S. Departments of Transportation and Canadian Ministries of Transportation require this certification from their suppliers.

The purpose of the certification program is to:

- Help plants produce and deliver high-quality material
- Improve plant operations
- Recognize excellence

The program meets ASTM standard specifications for epoxy-coated reinforcing bar. Some components of CRSI's program are even more stringent than ASTM requirements.

Areas evaluated in the program include:

- Quality control policies and procedures
- Handling and storage practices
- Surface preparation

- Curing
- Holiday testing
- Thickness measurement
- Adhesion testing

The program continues to develop as methods become available to improve the performance and quality of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel. Please visit our website at <http://www.crsi.org> and click on the “Certification” link for additional information. You may also call CRSI directly at 847-517-1200 and ask for the Certification Program Administrator or email the Certification Department.

### ***About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute***

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions, and a design award program. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators, and placers of steel reinforcing bars and related products, and professionals involved in the research, design, and construction of reinforced concrete structures. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Ill., with regional offices located across the United States.