# **Not David Letterman's Top 10**

efore I get into the message of this editorial, I want to thank again those who won the Coatings Education and Technical Achievement awards for their willingness to give back and help us try to move the industry forward. The Coatings Education Award winners were Randy Nixon, Tom Murphy, Bob Murphy, and Larry Pack, and John Bullard won the Technical Achievement

Award. We also want to thank the two chapters who were award winners, the Hampton Roads Chapter and the Northern California Chapter. Those two Chapters were recognized for their programs that stressed the goal of educating and providing venues for networking for their members. I also want to thank the *JPCL* award winners who make the magazine as superb as it is. All these awards are highlighted on page 23 of this issue.

My mother recently forwarded an e-mail to me called the "Philosophy for Old Age." I opened the attachment and saw George Carlin wrote it. Needless to say, I was a little surprised because I did not think my mom would send me something from the same comedian who was famous for "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television." At the end of the e-mail there were 10 things for a long and healthy life. I do not know if these came from George Carlin, but here are those 10 items for you to think about.

- 1. Throw out non-essential items. These are things such as age, height, weight, and financial numbers. I worry about these things, and maybe I should not. I was talking with someone who told me that he had lost all his personal wealth. He stated that once you lose it and survive the situation you know you have been through the worst, and you do not worry as much.
- 2. Keep only cheerful friends. Your friends or co-workers who have bad attitudes tend to bring you down. Here at SSPC, we all have had a bad day, but we try to nip it in the bud. If the person keeps bringing that bad attitude to work day after day, we try to correct the situation.
- 3. Keep Learning. Alzheimer's is the enemy of the mind, and we all know how debilitating that can be for the person and the individual's family. Read and use a computer. Those simple things do much to stimulate one's thinking.
- 4. Enjoy the simple things. If you enjoy golfing, like me, gardening, walks, woodworking, etc., follow the Nike motto and "just do it." Do those things you like to do when you are able

to, because we all have to do things that are unpleasant, especially if we are in a supervisory position.

5. Laugh often, long, and hard. I enjoy a good joke and am always willing to laugh at one. I am also willing to laugh at myself, and I sure try not to take myself too seriously. When I came to work this morning, a colleague gave me a thank you card for something I did for them. It was a humorous card

because they knew I would enjoy a good laugh.

- 6. The tears happen. I have never met anyone who has not cried. The loss of a family member, a friend, or even a career setback can be devastating. Unfortunately, it is part of life, and we must accept it. It is how we deal with the issue and how we move on that speaks volumes about our character.
- 7. Surround yourself with what you love. If that is family, pets, keepsakes, or hobbies, have them readily available. My wife and I have many collections

that we accumulated when we lived overseas. These are things we enjoy and have them prominently displayed where we can see and enjoy them.

- 8. Cherish your health. If you are healthy, enjoy that fact. If you have health problems, seek help to try to resolve them. Nothing is more precious in life than good health. I have a very good friend who always says when we leave each other, "Bill, stay healthy." How appropriate.
- 9. Don't take guilt trips. Things happen and you must accept the situation and try to deal with it. Again, it is how we deal with it that says much about us.
- 10. Tell people you love them at every opportunity. What can I add to that except I need to do it more often?

The last slide had the following line: "Always remember—Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." I would like to finish this by saying that I hope everyone has a long, happy, and prosperous life, and lives by an old saying I have used for years: "You only go around once in life, and this is not a dress rehearsal."

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Bill Shoup Executive Director, SSPC

# Dehumidification Technologies Expands Sales Force

ehumidification Technologies LP (Houston, TX) announced the expansion of its sales force with two new field-level sales representatives and a national sales

manager. The moves are part of a longterm growth strategy, the company said.

In Houston, Glenn Phillips has joined the company as a marketing representative. He has 20 years of experience in construction and the petrochemical industry, involving all phases of plant shutdowns, industrial painting, and



Glenn Phillips

mechanical installations, including extensive involvement in school construction. He has held positions in operations, sales, and logistics.

Steve Sigmund joined the company as a marketing representative in the Philadelphia area. He has 12 years of sales and management experience in the equipment-rental business, primarily involving tools and equipment for the construction market in the Philadelphia area.

Don Schnell

Don Schnell, based in the Chicago area, was named national sales manager. He has worked in the industrial coating industry since 1977 and has more than 20 years of experience with dehumidification and temporary climate control, and has played a role in the development and expansion of many climate-control innovations used in the

industrial coating industry, the company said.

Dehumidification Technologies is a supplier of dehumidification and temporary climate-control services, and serves the industrial-painting and construction industries from six offices in the U.S.

#### **Epoxy Coating Named STI Product of Year**

he Sherwin-Williams Company's Euronavy ES301 epoxy protective coating has been named the 2009 Affiliate Product of the Year by the Steel Tank Institute. The award was based on the coating's use on the Thunder Horse Field offshore drilling platform in the Gulf of Mexico. The production-drilling-headquarters (PDQ) is the world's largest production semi-submersible ever built, the company said.

"Sherwin-Williams is extremely pleased to receive this award for an application of one of our most innovative and versatile coatings," said Brad Rossetto, vice president, marketing, for Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine Coatings. He described the solvent-free, two-component product as a durable. moisture- and surface-tolerant coating that protects steel against corrosion,

even when applied in wet and cold conditions.

Coating application was required at the offshore drilling site due to hurricane damage and the need to refurbish the top-deck plate steel. Surface profiles were nearly smooth due to restrictions against abrasive blasting. Minimal surface preparation included hydroblasting at pressures up to 40,000 psi (ultra-high pressure jetting in accordance with SSPC-SP 12), according to Sherwin-Williams.

Coating restrictions required painting at night, with application in a moist, humid environment that included salt spray and salt fog. The coating was applied by spray and roller in two coats, at 4.0 to 6.0 dry mils per coat, the company said.

#### **RPM Acquires Dutch Company Chemtec**

PM International Inc. announced that its Rust-Oleum Corp. subsidiary has acquired Chemtec Chemicals BV, a manufacturer of industrial cleaners and specialty coatings based in The Netherlands. Terms were not disclosed.

Chemtec, with annual sales of approximately \$6 million, is headquartered in Rotterdam. The company's primary products are specialty cleaners used for a range of exterior surfaces, and it also offers specialty, anti-slip, and antigraffiti coatings. The products are predominantly sold directly to cleaning and painting contractors, with some distribution in paint stores.

RPM, based in Medina, OH, is the holding company for a group of subsidiaries that manufacture specialty coatings, sealants, building materials, and related services for the industrial and consumer markets.

#### Chemservice and Songwon Form Regulatory Affairs Consultancy

hemservice S.A. (Grevenmacher, Luxembourg) and Songwon Industrial Co., Ltd. (Ulsan, Korea) announced that they have formed a regulatory affairs consulting company called Chemservice Asia Co. Ltd. The new company is registered in Seoul, Korea, as of February 1.

Chemservice provides a range of services designed to help comply with international chemical control legislation including toxicology, risk assessments, and environmental sciences.

Songwon produces light absorbers, heat stabilizers, surface coating agents, polyurethane, alkyl phenols, and other chemicals.

# 1780 Registered for the SSPC-*JPCL* Training Days Webinars

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Webinars held on March 25 and 26 numbered

1,780. The 4 webinars on these days are part of a 20-webinar series to be offered



throughout 2010. A fifth webinar on containment components and structures, originally scheduled for March 26, was postponed until April 8.

Among those who registered for the webinars, 862 participated during the live sessions. It is anticipated that registrants not participating live will use the archived versions for education and SSPC credits.

The SSPC/JPCL Education Series Webinars provide continuing education for SSPC recertifications as well as technology updates on important topics.

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- Adhesion Testing Methods and Equipment
- Determining If Existing Coating Systems Can Be Overcoated, and
- Preparing a Coatings Inspection Plan.
   Persons who wish to use the archived versions of these webinars can find them at www.paintsquare.com/education.

#### **Industrial Scientific Hires New UP**

ndustrial Scientific Corporation (Pittsburgh, PA) hired Jim Quasey as vice president of global operations. He will be responsible for all global manufacturing, manufacturing engineering, supply chain, equality, and operational excellence functions, as well as serving as a member of the Corporate Executive Council (CEC).

Quasey was previously the president and vice president of operations at Vocollect Health Care Systems. He holds a BS in mechanical engineering/design and industrial engineering from Ohio State University and an MBA from Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business. He is a Certified Quality Engineer with the American Society for



Jim Quasey

Quality (ASQ) and has served in various board of director roles with Catalyst Connection and the Pittsburgh Technology Council.

#### Paint BidTracker Introduces Bid Research Tool

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professionals, and material suppliers within the high-performance protec-



tive and marine coatings industry, has announced the launch of a new feature in its public works bid intelligence service.

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# On Safe Surface Prep for Offshore Platforms

To assure compliance with safety requirements on offshore platforms, what are the safest and most effective surface preparation methods (and materials) used prior to coating, and how is this determined (e.g., performance testing)?

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The offshore industry tends to be at the forefront of most technologies, and the main drivers for change have always been safety and environmental challenges.

Surface preparation has long been a cause for concern because most traditional methods, such as dry abrasive blasting, needle gunning, and rotary sanding, are dirty, messy, and prone to sparking. The tendency to spark leads to the requirement of "Category 1 Hot Work" permits (Actual Live Spark) for such methods, which demands the highest level of control even in low risk zone areas.

Increasingly, operators are not keen to undertake Category 1 Hot Work when the plant is live unless absolutely necessary. Some plants have blanket bans, full stop. Live, pressurized hydrocarbon lines create their own risks. The bans put increasing pressure on shutdown schedules to get hot work procedures done.

Early attempts to get away from spark-generating and spark-potential methods of surface preparation have had varied success. The simplest method is to hand abrade, a slow and ineffective process. The earliest attempts to make spark-free/low-energy-spark power tools are still used. Copper-beryllium has been used to manufacture traditional tools such as spanners and screwdrivers for use in potentially explosive atmospheres for years. This technology was extrapolated to produce needles for needle guns and bristles for wire brushes. As tools go, they work but are inefficient, with slow production rates, debatable surface quality, and an inability to remove hard scale. Worst of all, the dust generated from the breakdown of the copperberyllium is highly carcinogenic.

Matters improved in the early 1980s when rudimentary attempts were made to use water entrainment into the air and abrasive stream to negate the spark. The process worked but required diligently monitoring the work site to ensure that the wet system was being used at all times, not just switched on at the end of the shift to wet the grit. This dangerous practice was overcome with the advent of the wet slurry blasting systems that have become the norm since the 1990s.

Wet slurry blasting on the whole ticks all the boxes.

- · No sparks, which means cold work
- Reduced abrasive consumption
- · Greatly reduced dust
- Greatly reduced travel of spent abrasive
- · Surface washing
- · Reduced salt contamination
- · Simple to use with minimal training
- Containment of hazardous dusts by wetting down

Equipment design and reliability of wet slurry blasting have continuously improved over the years, but, more importantly, when set up and operated correctly, wet slurry blasting now has production rates comparable to those of conventional dry blasting.

The other main option in the wet preparation arsenal is UHP water jetting.

It, like slurry blasting, has been progressively developed since its inception in the 1990s. The method has proved excellent in many areas. But it tends to be hampered by high capital equipment costs or rental costs plus the need for a large team of highly trained personnel due to the inherent risk of injury and damage from water jets typically running at around 2,500 Bar (40,000 psi) or more. UHP water jetting has rapid production rates on simple geometry items, removes coatings, rust, scale, and contaminants, but does not create a profile, although this has been overcome in some instances by the entrainment of abrasive.

Over the years several, other low risk preparation technologies have been presented with varying degrees of success and uptake, including, but not only, the following.

- Chemical strippers: some have environmental issues, only remove certain generic coatings, and do not remove rust and scale.
- Rust converters: do not remove coatings, work generally by the reaction of phosphoric acid on iron oxide to form iron phosphate, and can be problemantic because they tend to be based on a weak generic coating (typically domestic vinyl emulsion) that falls apart when overcoated with stronger systems such as epoxy.
- Soda blast: the use of sodium bicarbonate as an abrasive has many appeals, not the least that it "disappears" when washed; is excellent for cleaning encrusted bakery and food equipment; and is not bad when it comes to stripping thin film coatings from delicate equipment and car body shells. But it is not a lot of good when up against thick coatings, rust, and scale, and it will not produce a meaningful or useful profile.
- Ice blasting/CO<sub>2</sub> blasting: again very similar to soda blasting in that CO<sub>2</sub> pel-

lets used as an abrasive disappear, but again, the process is not as suitable as a 'heavy-duty' preparation method, and it requires care in confined spaces.

A machine that is starting to make headway into the offshore market is a power tool that produces a very effective pseudo-blasted profile on steel using wire bristles "fired" at the surface rather than dragged. This tool will probably have a good future once the initial bugs are ironed out and acceptance is widespread. The only issue is that it still needs a Hot Work permit to use.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for all the above systems has been reviewed regularly and improved over the years. Again, there has been a drive to ensure that proper PPE is provided to workers and is used correctly by them. Use of PPE tends to be very much a part of training, followed by reinforcement at the daily tool box talk. Although PPE is technically classed as the last line of defense, with this type of work it is essential, and no corners should be cut in the protection of the individual.

This response is by no means exhaustive in its analysis and does not fully answer the question. A lot of equipment selection tends to be arbitrary. Operators tend to push for the easy options without considering what is actually needed. There is still the longterm love affair with dry blasting and the thought that coatings and water do not mix.

The coatings manufacturers have invested heavily in the development of coatings designed to perform in far from ideal circumstances, including in temperatures around 0 C (32 F); in humidity over 90%; over damp, moist, and even wet surfaces; over residual flash

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rusting; and over poor levels of surface preparation.

Compared with 20 and even 10 years ago, the whole of fabric maintenance technology has taken huge steps forward in providing a safe system of working with useable coatings for one of the most hostile environments we

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With today's emphasis on safety and the environment, many contractors frequently use the argument that surface preparation by dry abrasive blasting be waived for offshore installation and

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hook-up, due to concerns about safety and disposal during simultaneous operations (SIMOPS). Under best management practice (BMP), these concerns are generally unfounded in terms of the overall picture: integrity of coating, logistics, cost, weather exposure, schedule, and future maintenance.

The options for surface preparation

offshore include dry abrasive blasting, wet blasting, and power tool cleaning.

Dry abrasive blasting using mineral grit is common during onshore construction, where problems with SIMOPS, logistics, and disposal are less problematic than for offshore works. Options for abrasives that have been or can be used offshore are listed below.

(a) Aluminium oxide: Considered the best synthetic abrasive in terms of surface cleanliness and environmental concerns, but rarely used due to availability and high cost (>\$1K/MT).

(b) Garnet (calcium iron silicate): A naturally occurring mineral, the current preferred choice at around \$320/MT. Generally high quality abrasive typically obtained from Australia or India. Its health, safety, and environmental (HSE) approval rating is high and it can be used on stainless steels. Disadvantages are limited availability due to high demand, difficulties in achieving suitable profiles for heavy-duty coatings such as glass-flakes, and some incidents of high chloride counts in Indian garnet. (c) Coal slag (aluminum silicate): A hard, angular glass-like byproduct of coal-fired power-stations, according to some testing, is neither toxic nor carcinogenic (although traces of heavy metals and potential HSE risks have been reported in the U.S.). The price is slightly lower than garnet, at around \$315/MT. A downside is the excessive dust created, which appears to be less of a problem with the coal slag now on the market. Many international approvals have been obtained, so its use is increasing, with grades available for a variety of heavy-duty coatings.

In accordance with SIMOPS management and the philosophy of keeping the risk "As Low As Reasonably Practical" (ALARP) for abrasive blasting offshore, "Hazard Identification" (HAZID) checklists should be used with the established "Permit-To-Work System" (PTWS). Blasting hazards, including risks of explosion and other risks to workers, can be minimized by using the right equipment and shielding (e.g., mini-pot blasters or vacuum blasters, where practical), qualified and experienced personnel, and the required PPE.

The second option is some type of water cleaning method, such as wet abrasive blasting (SSPC-TR 2/NACE 6G198, "Technical Report on Wet



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Abrasive Blast Cleaning") and high to ultra-high-pressure water jetting from 10 kpsi to above 30 kpsi, per SSPC-SP 12/NACE #5, "Surface Preparation and Cleaning of Metals by Waterjetting Prior to Recoating." Water jetting will not etch or create a surface profile but will expose the original profile beneath an existing coating. But water jetting can provide a clean surface, free of salts and other contamination. A disadvantage is the possibility of flash rusting, which can be offset by accelerated drying and other means.

The third option is mechanical cleaning by hand or power tools, such as wire brushes, scrapers, chipping-hammers, needle guns, and disc sanders. Surface cleanliness should be in accordance with the recommendations of the paint manufacturer's product data sheets unless the client/owner's specification is more stringent. SSPC and ISO have a range of surface preparation standards for hand and power tool cleaning.

Specified surface profiles or anchorpatterns over 25 µm-35 µm are difficult to achieve with hand or power tool cleaning. The surface becomes more polished as the cleaning goes on; adhesion and surface area covered will generally be superior on a blast-cleaned surface. Where blasting is impractical and hand or power tool cleaning can be used, "surface-tolerant" primers are available, such as zinc-rich epoxies or aluminumfilled epoxy mastics. These products are also suitable for overlapping and tyingin to existing coating systems, something that an original inorganic zinc-silicate is unsuitable for. All blasting operations require a compressor or compressed air supply, whereas power-tools do not. Furthermore, all blasting is best carried out with the support of power tools, especially for awkward, limited access, or hidden areas. Lastly, power-tool finishes are the best option for roughening existing coatings and feathering back to sound coating at the edges of spot or locally blasted areas.

Whatever method is used, the surface must first be suitably cleaned to remove all visible foreign matter, soluble and insoluble, from the substrate as prescribed in SSPC-SP 1, "Solvent Cleaning," or an equivalent standard. Before further surface preparation and before paint application, the surface must be checked for non-visible salt contamination with an appropriate method to determine whether it meets or is below the level of contaminants allowed in the specification. If levels of non-visible contaminants are unacceptable, high-pressure water jetting (above 5 kpsi) will be needed for their removal.

Before painting, surface preparation should be assessed using established standards for surface cleanliness, such as the SSPC-VIS 1 to 5 Series or the ISO-8500 Series (ISO-8501, ISO-8502 and ISO-8503). These visual standards are used with the written surface preparation standards specified, typically from the SSPC/NACE or ISO series. ASTM D4417, "Field Measurement of Surface Profile of Blast-Cleaned Steel," can be used to assess profile.

The real test of the effectiveness of a surface preparation method and material is in the coating performance. Evaluation of the adhesive and cohesive properties of each paint system used during construction is usually carried out before actual coating operations, via a qualification program on test panels. Acceptable performance is typically based on an agreement between the company (owner or operator) and the contractor, as prescribed in the contract agreement or purchase order. The test program should address touch-up and repair procedures, including the surface preparation procedure, which will most certainly be used offshore.

The properties of the coating are usually evaluated based on the dynamic pull-off values obtained via a standard such as ASTM D4541, "Standard Test Method for Pull-Off Strength of Coatings Using Portable Adhesion Testers," or an equivalent.

To simplify follow-on work offshore, where it is unusual to do any dynamic adhesion tests, only semi-qualitative tests based on a field standard such as ASTM D3359, "Standard Test Method for Measuring Adhesion by Tape-Test," or equivalent are used. How these field tests should compare to the desired initial values should be established during initial panel testing.

Thus, for offshore maintenance painting, surface preparation by abrasive blasting is not an absolute necessity. The right combination of solvent and mechanical cleaning methods and products, along with surface-tolerant coatings, can achieve suitably high integrity coatings performance for localized (tiein) applications. Where contracts require conventional blasting and coating to match preparation and application at onshore construction, the requirements can be readily managed (BMP) with the right mindset and planning, using HAZID, ALARP tools and principles, and the established PTWS. The goal is to achieve the full design life of every coating system, especially where maintenance potential is very low under normal operating conditions.



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### The Case of the Not-So-Hot Roof

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oating specifiers, contractors, or manufacturers are often blamed when installed coatings fail to meet service life expectations. The following situation describes the deterioration and ultimate failure of a roof coating system resulting from a combination of factors related to

surface preparation, application, and weather.

#### **Facility Description**

An office complex consisted of a pair of identical, onestory masonry buildings, designated Buildings No. 1 and 2. Both incorporated a corrugated, galvanized steel panel roofing system. The galvanized panels were coil-coated with a polyester-based coat-

ing system. After 15 years of outdoor service, the roof coating displayed serious fading and chalking.

#### The Repainting Operation

The roof manufacturer recommended the complete removal of the original coating system with dry abrasive blasting, followed by the application of a urethane primer/sealer and a urethane topcoat. Cleaning and painting operations on the buildings began in June and were completed by the end of July. The work was carried out during hot and dry weather. A mineral slag abrasive was used to remove the original roof coating down to the metallic substrate. The stripping operation was followed by pressure washing with water to remove dust and coating debris. The specified repainting system consisted of an aromatic urethane primer/sealer

spray-applied at a dry film thickness (DFT) in the range of 1.5–2.5 mils (38-63  $\mu m$ ) to the bare metal surface. After drying, an aliphatic urethane with a DFT in the range of 2.0–4.0 mils (50-100  $\mu m$ ) was spray-applied over the urethane primer. Both were single-component, moisture-cured materials.



Fig. 1: Overall view of coating roof failure.

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Fig. 2: Close-up of delaminating topcoat

Due to delays in acquiring materials, approximately two weeks elapsed before the urethane topcoat was applied.

In November, approximately four months after application, the roof on one of the two buildings began to develop areas of distress, with the brown topcoat delaminating from the underlying orange primer (Figs. 1 and 2). The situation worsened as the finish coat continued to delaminate and was removed by weathering and wind. There were no problems with the other building.

#### **Investigating the Failure**

Both corrugated roofs were finished in a brown coating with medium gloss. Building No. 1 displayed no coating loss. The brown finish coat appeared intact over the entire roof. There were, however, occasional small craters and pinholes in the surface of the topcoat.

In contrast, Building No. 2 displayed many areas where the brown finish coat was missing, revealing an orange primer. Where exposed, the primer had a thin layer of chalk that gave it a flat appearance. Topcoat delamination ranged from an estimated 30% to 60%

of the total roof area.

#### **Physical Inspection**

A physical inspection of the distressed roof (Building No. 2) revealed a varying pattern of both poor adhesion and delamination. Much of the topcoat loss was in the flat areas between the raised corrugations of the roof panels. Adherent topcoat in the flat areas frequently displayed a

series of recurring lateral cracks that spanned the flat areas and ran at right angles to the raised ribs. When islands of adherent topcoat were probed with a knife blade, they proved to be loose and undermined with water. In all cases, the brown topcoat could be easily removed from the orange primer, which came

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away in thin sheets that were brittle and easily broken. However, the orange primer was firmly attached to the metal substrate. The primer could only be removed from the metal by scraping.

The orange primer appeared to be covered with a fine, whitish film that transferred to the hands or a cloth rag when rubbed. In areas where water had infiltrated to the primer interface, the underside of the brown finish coat contained deposits that resembled whitish streaks. In addition, the mating surface between the underside of the brown finish coat and the top of the orange primer was very smooth, and without profile. The surface of the underside of the chip replicated the contours appearing on both surfaces.

#### **Substrate Condition**

The primer was removed at several locations to expose the metallic substrate. Free of visible rust, the exposed metallic substrate appeared shiny and lustrous when viewed under a lighted microscope. The substrate profile was measured using replica tape. The tapes indicated a profile range of 2.0 to 3.0 mils (50 to 75  $\mu m$ ), with an average of 2.2 mils (54  $\mu m$ ).

#### **Coating Adhesion**

Tests, made in accordance with ASTM Method D 3359 (A), "Measuring Adhesion by Cross-Cut Tape Test," were used to determine coating adhesion levels on the coated roofs. The procedure uses a sharp knife to make two intersecting cuts in the coating system—through the coating to the substrate. An adhesive tape was then applied to the intersection of the cuts and sharply removed. The amount of coating detached was then rated in accordance with an ASTM standard rating scale.

Typical ratings of 4A to 5A are considered to represent good adhesion; 2A to 3A represent fair adhesion, while 0A to 1A represent poor adhesion.

When the test was performed on the

roof of Building No. 1, the adhesion of the coating system to the steel substrate was rated at 4A to 5A. There was essentially no removal of the brown topcoat from the primer. When the adhesion test was performed on Building No. 2, the brown topcoat fractured when subjected to the pressure of the cutting knife and delaminated from the primer without the use of the adhesion tape (rating of 0A). The orange primer remained firmly attached to the metal roof substrate.

Coating thickness measurements were made at selected locations on the roofs of both buildings. The DFT ranges of the primer and topcoat were within the specified limits.

#### **Microscopic Inspection**

When viewed at 40X with a stereo microscope, the underside of the delaminated chips appeared relatively smooth. However, they contained many circular holes that penetrated an estimated 50% to nearly 100% into the coating film. When viewed in cross section, the holes became the lower openings of convex voids in the film that resembled bubbles. At the points of deepest penetration, the roof of the void opened to the film surface as a small hole. When the coating chips were held up to a bright light, the light was transmitted through the defects.

#### What Went Wrong?

#### **Schedule Delays**

Through data collection for the painting operation, project records revealed that the roof of Building No. 1 was cleaned and painted over 72 hours (a weekend). However, the work on Building No. 2 was interrupted following the application of the aromatic urethane primer. Due to poor planning and a lack of materials at the manufacturer's warehouse, three weeks elapsed before the urethane topcoat could be applied.

A review of the product data sheet **Continued** 

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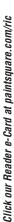
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(PDS) for the aromatic urethane primer revealed that the coating should have been re-coated in 4-6 hours and cured hard within 24 hours of application. The maximum recoat window was two weeks at 50-100 F (10-38 C).

#### Weathering Leads to Poor Adhesion

The passage of approximately three weeks between the application of the primer and topcoat seriously compromised the ability of the coating to develop strong intercoat adhesion. During the period, with daytime surface temperatures of 80-100 F (27-38 C), the darker orange coating absorbed heat and solar energy (ultraviolet [UV] light). Both of these stimuli also promoted accelerated hardening of the surface layer and surface chalking and degraded the potential for good intercoat adhe-

Unfortunately, there was no evidence of any attempts by the coating contractor to scarify the primer coat or remove the layer of chalk prior to overcoating. In contrast to this performance, the coating system applied to Building No. 1 displayed no delamination failures. According to inspection records, there were no delays between recoating steps. Once the old coating was removed, the primed surface was quickly topcoated. The painting operation was accomplished over a weekend. Under these conditions, there was no opportunity for heat- and UV-induced hardening and chalking of the primer.

#### Film Formation Problems

Under normal ambient temperatures (65-75 F [18-24 C]), the solvent release rate of the film would not be expected to be a problem. However, the spray application of the materials during the heat of summer to a dark surface, already elevated in temperature by incident sunlight, adversely affected both the rate of film formation and uniformity of the finish coating.

#### Cases from the F-Files

The application under these conditions caused craters and pinholes in the urethane topcoat. Their effect would be marginalized where there is good adhesion between the coating layers—as in Building No. 1. However, with the poor primer-to-topcoat bond on Building No. 2, the topcoat defects became the entry point for condensation and rainwater infiltrating through the topcoat. The water eventually destroyed any intercoat adhesion, causing massive delamination of the topcoat.

Correcting the Problem

The poor adhesion found between the topcoat and the primer layer on

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Building No. 2 suggested that high-pressure water would be an effective means of removing the failed coating and other surface contaminants prior to re-painting. Accordingly, a high-pressure water wash, at a nominal pressure range of 5,000–8,000 psi (34–55 MPa) and employing a 0-degree rotating nozzle, was used to remove all loosely adhered

topcoat and surface chalking. Once the surfaces dried, all attached coatings were roughened by power sanding. Immediately following a compressed air blow-down, a moisture-cured urethane penetrating primer was applied, followed within 24 hours by a moisture-cured aliphatic urethane topcoat.

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# Weighing Your Options:

What Specifiers and
Contractors Should
Know about
Alternate Dispute
Resolution Clauses
in Contracts

By George MacDonald, QC, McInnes Cooper

cissors, paper, rock.
You cut the last
piece of pie in two
and I have first
choice.
Let's ask Mom
to decide.

All of the above are well-known methods of obtaining an answer to a question or solving a dispute. They have stood the test of time because they work and are easy to understand. They enable disputes to be resolved or answers to be obtained, quickly and effectively.

Most commercial contracts are either silent concerning the method to be followed to resolve disputes or contain a clause saying something such as, "All disputes arising under the provisions of this agreement are to be resolved by arbitration."

For some reason, people who draft commercial contracts devote minimal time to the clauses dealing with dispute resolution, or they neglect to include such a clause at all. As a result, when disputes arise the parties to the contract have no choice but to embark on costly litigation or arbitration.

There are some exceptions. For example, standard form contracts prepared by

the governing bodies in the construction industry in the United States and Canada have clauses detailing a dispute resolution procedure. They call for an initial meeting between senior executives of the parties to attempt to resolve the issue. If they fail to reach an agreement, there is mandated mediation. If that is not successful, the parties move on to arbitration or, as a last option, go to court.

This procedure is much better than requiring that all disputes be resolved by arbitration, but it can also give rise to delays and significant expense being incurred by one of the parties while awaiting the resolution of a dispute.

There is no perfect clause that should

be inserted into every commercial contract. Sufficient time should be devoted to this topic when a contract is being drafted, however, to ensure that an appropriate dispute-resolution clause is included in every contract. Otherwise the parties may be forced to go to arbitration or court to obtain an answer to a dispute that could have been resolved quickly, even if you have to use one of the well-known methods referred to above.

I dealt recently with a dispute concerning surface preparation of structural steel and the coating to be applied to the surface of the prepared steel. The specifications contained in the tender documents called for the fabricator to prepare the surface of structural steel to an SSPC-SP 10, Near-White Metal, followed by application of one coat of an epoxy coating at a dry film thickness (DFT) of 5 to 7 mils.

During the tendering period an addendum was issued, and the standard for surface preparation was changed to SSPC-SP 6, Commercial Blast Cleaning. The contractor who was the low bidder prepared its quote on the assumption it would abrasive blast the steel obtained from a mill and then apply the required epoxy coating.

After bids were received, the low bidder and the project manager met to discuss possible ways to lower the bid price, which was somewhat over budget. The low bidder offered a couple of suggestions. The project manager then raised the topic of the coating to be applied to the structural steel. He noted that the steel would be erected on site before other areas of the structure were painted. The project manager suggested that the structural steel merely have a latex primer coat applied by the fabricator, with a finish coat applied by the owner once the steel was erected and the structure was weather tight.

The low bidder offered a price to substitute the application of a latex coating for the epoxy primer coating called for in the specifications. The quote expressly

stated that the steel would be factory cleaned and a latex primer would be applied. A Change Order was issued once the contract was awarded. The contractor obtained structural steel from a steel mill, fabricated the steel to satisfy the requirements of the specifications, factory cleaned the steel to an SSPC-SP 3, Power Tool Cleaning, and applied the agreed-upon latex primer coating. The specifications did not contain a specified DFT for primer paint. The paint manufacturer's specifications called for a minimum DFT of 1.5 to 3 mils.

The structural steel was shipped to the site and erected by the contractor, in accordance with the schedule. The structure was not enclosed for several months, and the structural steel was subjected to winter-weather conditions for several months. When the building was made weather tight and the contractor attempted touch-up painting of the steel, extensive corrosion was discovered on the steel.

The owner took the position that the steel should have been prepared to an SSPC-SP 6 standard before the latex primer coat was applied and insisted that the erected steel had to be prepared to such a standard before painting could take place. The contractor objected, and the owner proceeded to engage another contractor who abrasive blasted all the erected structural steel and then applied both an epoxy primer coat and a finish coat. The contractor and its bonding company were called upon to pay the cost of the remedial work.

The contract between the owner and the contractor contained the standard "All disputes will be resolved by arbitration" clause. There was no contractual obligation for the bonding company to submit to arbitration. After much debate, it was agreed that the bonding company would participate in an arbitration between the owner and the contractor and be bound by the decision. The parties exchanged written pleadings, assembled and exchanged hundreds of documents, conducted depositions, obtained expert reports, and sat through weeks of hearings. A couple of years after the building was erected, the arbitrator dismissed the claim of the owner.

Had the parties given some thought to the types of disputes that could arise in a contract involving fabrication and coating of structural steel, they likely would have directed their attention to potential disagreements as to the expected standard of surface preparation. Such a technical dispute should not be left to be resolved by a judge or an arbitrator who does not know (a) why the surface of steel is prepared to a different standard depending on how and where the steel is to be used or the type and thickness of coating to be applied to the steel; or (b) the importance of the thickness of the coating being applied.

The contract should have contained a dispute resolution clause that required, for example, that the parties submit any dispute concerning required steel preparation, in the first instance, to a knowledgeable coatings expert. Such an expert



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would know, or quickly understand, the following.

- To those involved in the industry, "factory finish" means to finish the steel to an SSPC-SP 3.
- When steel is finished to an SSPC-SP 6, the resulting steel profile would be 1.5 to 2.8 mils, and a latex primer coating would not provide the necessary protection for the steel, which was to be exposed to winter-weather conditions for several months before a finish coating was to be applied.

If the expert could convince the owner and its advisors to accept this finding, the parties would then discuss the options available to deal with the erected steel, which exhibited significant corrosion. One of the options would be to use a special coating that could be applied over the corrosion before application of a finish coat. The remedial cost would be minimal compared to the actu-

al cost incurred by the owner in this case.

The failure of the parties to include a dispute-resolution clause, which would deal with the various types of disputes that could arise during performance of the contract, resulted in the parties incurring significant costs to deal with a relatively minor dispute concerning a technical issue. This is a very common consequence of the failure to give appropriate consideration to inserting an appropriate dispute-resolution clause in a particular contract.

It is also fundamentally important that a dispute-resolution clause set out the authority, or legislation, whose rules will govern the conduct of the arbitration or mediation. Further, the clause must dictate which law will govern in resolving disputes.

Establishing, in the contract, the governing rules for the dispute-resolution

clause is particularly important when dealing with projects in other countries. Well-known and established rules can be invoked to be used in the resolution of disputes. For example, the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the London Court of International Arbitration, and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) all have detailed rules governing conduct of arbitrations.

The next time you are preparing documents to be used to obtain bids from contractors or are negotiating the terms of a contract, take some time to consider the type of disputes that can arise. Consider as well what type of process could best be used to obtain a quick, effective, and reasonable resolution of such disputes.

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# **SSPC** Announces Awards at Annual Meeting

t the SSPC Annual Meeting, held at PACE 2010 on February 7, in Phoenix, AZ, awards for SSPC chapters, individual achievements, and publications were presented. The following is a

description of the awards ceremony and of those who were honored.

#### **SSPC Chapter Awards**

Terry Sowers, SSPC Director of Services, announced the winners of SSPC's Annual Chapter Awards. This year, two chapters were given Outstanding Chapter Awards. Sowers stated, "I am always inspired by the amount of work chapters manage to do as volunteers. This year, as we reviewed activities for all

of the chapters, once again two chapters stood out. Considering all of their numerous accomplishments, it was impossible to single out only one of them as the outstanding chapter."

The first Outstanding Chapter went to the Northern California/Nevada Chapter, which Sowers says operates "like a well-oiled machine." Activities held by the chapter in 2009 included Understanding Re-Coat Windows, Issues, Consequences, and Remedies (50 attendees); Coatings Failures, Lessons Learned (50 attendees); The Shop Coating Process from Fabrication to Field (150 attendees, including 20 apprentices from the Merit Shop Apprentice Program); SSPC Standards: How They Are Best Used to Get Results (35 attendees); Golf Outing (50 attendees); and Coating Concrete Surfaces (50 attendees). The chapter also held two SSPC training courses with 34 students.

The officers for the Northern California/Nevada Chapter are Chair Ron Robison of Redwood Painting Company; Vice Chair Dan Zavesky of Carboline Company; Secretary Arthur



Ralph Trallo accepts the Honorary Life Member Award.



David Boyd (r) receives the John D. Keane Award of Merit from SSPC President Steve Roetter (I). All photos courtesy of PACE 2010.

Grice of the Sherwin-Williams Company; and Treasurer Burt Olhiser of Vantage Point Consulting.

The second Outstanding Chapter Award was presented to the Hampton Roads Chapter. Sowers said of this chapter, "Sometimes it seems like the Hampton Roads Chapter is an extension of the SSPC Office in Pittsburgh. This chapter does a great deal of training and really exemplifies the intention of the mission of SSPC Chapters to disseminate information about SSPC."

The 2009 activities held by this chapter were the Installation of the 2009 Officers and General Business Meeting (27 attendees); New Things in Surface Preparation (32 attendees); Proven Process for Stabilizing Lead Based Paint attendees); Dinner Presentation by State Senator Frank W. Wagner (33 attendees); Golf Tournament (22 teams and 88 players); and a Tour of Mariners' Museum and Election of New Officers (68 attendees). The chapter held eight training courses with 82 students and also gave out \$6,000 in scholarships to the children of six SSPC members in the chapter area.

The officers of the chapter are Chair Frank Saunders of the Sherwin-Williams Company; Vice Chair Dan Kaidel of Munters Corporation; Secretary Jamie Whitham of Vanwin Coatings; and Secretary Gary Duschl of Virginia Materials-Opta Minerals.

#### **Individual and Author Awards**

Several awards were presented to recognize individual achievement in the protective coatings industry. Recipients were selected by ballot.

• Ralph A. Trallo received the Honorary Life Member Award for his career-long contributions to the industry. Trallo has worked for over 41 years in construction management, including 30 in industrial painting. He is past president and CEO of Cannon Sline, a national industrial painting contractor.

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He now directs the business development initiative at CL Coatings. Trallo was the 1997-1998 president of SSPC, served on the SSPC Board as well as several SSPC committees, and was instrumental in establishing the SSPC contractor certification program. He has played key roles in other industry associations, as well, From 1992 to

2002, he chaired and served on the board of the Marketing Committee of the Painters and Allied Trades Labor Management Cooperative Initiative; he is a charter board member of the Finishing Contractors' Association's Labor and Workforce Committees and chaired them

from 1997 to 2002; and he was co-chairman and board member of the International Painters and Allied Trades Industry Pension Fund.

• The John D. Keane Award of Merit was presented to David R. Boyd, president of Vulcan Painters, Inc. Boyd's company is an ISO 9001-certified painting contractor business founded in 1952 and specializing in industrial and commercial painting projects. Also a leader in establishing SSPC's contractor certifica-

tion programs, Boyd is committed to the training and education of his own employees and others in the industry. Boyd co-chairs the DC 77 Training Fund, is past president of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America's (PDCA) Southeastern Council, and is past chair of the Industrial Painting Committee (IPC) when it was with PDCA (IPC is now

part of SSPC). In 2007, SSPC honored him with its Coatings Education Award for his strong and innovative contributions to improving the industry through worker training. Vulcan is the first coating contractor firm to earn six SSPC QP certifications.

• Coatings Education Awards were presented to Robert L. Murphy, The



Robert Murphy (r) and Randy Nixon (l) are presented their Coatings Education Awards.

Thomas Murphy and Larry Pack were also honored.



John Bullard receives the Technical Achievement Award.

Sherwin-Williams Company; Thomas A. Murphy, iSqFt; Randy Nixon, Corrosion Probe; and Larry D. Pack, The Sherwin-Williams Company.

Nixon oversaw the revision of the SSPC Concrete Coatings Inspector (CCI) Program, allowing SSPC to better serve the concrete coatings industry by breaking the course into two levels—Concrete Coatings Basics (C-10) and

Concrete Coating Inspector Training and Certification (C-11). He has been very active in SSPC educational programs over the years, serving as a reviewer during the initial development of C-10 and C-11. He was also the chief technical editor for the SSPC publication, *The Fundamentals of Cleaning and Coating Concrete*.

All four recipients of the award worked as a committee to develop a new career path for those working in the concrete coatings industry, starting with the new C-10 course. Thomas Murphy and Larry Pack authored the course for the worker, inexperienced focusing on the basic educational information needed to begin a career in the concrete coatings industry. Nixon authored C-11, with Robert Murphy acting as a

subject matter reviewer.

The award winners are planning more programs to follow in the near future.

• John Bullard, engineer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, was this year's recipient of the Technical Achievement

worked at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for over 20 years. He is being recognized for his study to determine the best surface preparation and coating systems for protecting ASTM A-490 High-Strength Black Bolts and ASTM A-325 Heat Treated Steel Bolts, which are often found exposed on utility towers and antennas. The results of his study were reported at the World

#### SSPC News





Bill Shoup, SSPC Executive Director, presents the Executive Director's Awards to Thomas Jones and Aimee Beggs.

Steel Bridge Symposium in November 2009, presented at PACE 2010, and published in the March 2010 *IPCL*.

Bullard has been active in many committees within SSPC. He chairs the SSPC Technical Committee on Surface

Preparation of Non-Ferrous Metals, which recently completed work on a new surface preparation standard, SSPC-SP 16, Brush-Off Blast Cleaning of Non-Ferrous Metals. He is an active member of the SSPC Zinc-Rich Coatings

Committee and the SSPC Hazardous Debris Containment and Disposal Committee.

• Executive Director's Awards went to Aimee E. Beggs and Thomas A. Jones,

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both from SSPC.

Beggs has been the SSPC's liaison for the Society's many technical commit-

tees, keeping track of chairpersons, meetings, standards, and other documents from initial draft to final approval. Her contributions to SSPC, especially in its function as a standards-writing body, are invaluable. Although her thirtieth anniversary is, technically, in August of this year, when she will be honored at the association's headquarters in Pittsburgh, Shoup chose to also honor her publicly at the Annual Meeting, in the midst of many of the members who have benefited from her long service.

Bill Shoup chose to honor Tom Jones because of his selfless dedication to the organization and for carrying forward

the vision and mission of SSPC. Jones uses every opportunity to introduce SSPC to coatings professionals all over



SSPC President Steve Roetter presents Dr. Michael O'Donoghue (I) and Vijay Datta (r) with the SSPC Outstanding Publication Award.

the world.

Jones is Senior SSPC Technical Auditor for the SSPC QP Programs. In addition, he also teaches SSPC courses in Inspection (PCI, NBPI) and Surface Preparation and Application (C-7 and

> C-14) and is the creator and lead instructor for the SSPC Quality Control Supervisor (QCS) course. Jones has become the key liaison with many international members and has assisted in the development of local chapters in Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines.

> Jones has over 30 years experience in the coatings industry. He holds several SSPC certifications including: Protective Coating Specialist (PCS), NAVSEA Basic Paint Inspector (NBPI), Protective Coating Inspector (PCI), and SSPC

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KTA CEO Ken Tator accepts a JPCL Editors' Award for Kirk Wissmar and Jay Helsel.

Dr. Michael O'Donoghue and Vijay Datta of Devoe High Performance Coatings, International Paint LLC, this year for their article "The VOC Odyssey: An Epic Tale of the Green World of Coating Formulators," which appeared in the May 2009 *JPCL*.

Dr. Mike O'Donoghue, Vijay Datta, Mike Winter, and Carl Reed of International Paint LLC won the SSPC Presidential Lecture Award for their paper, "Hubble Bubble Tests and Trouble: The Dark Side of Misreading the Relevance of Coating Testing." They received the award and presented the paper on Wednesday, February 10, at

PACE. This is the second year in a row that O'Donoghue and Datta received the award. The 2010 paper will be published in the May 2010 *IPCL*.

The 2009 JPCL Editors' Awards were presented to

- Fred R. Goodwin, BASF Construction Systems Technical Center, and Frank V. Apicella, BASF Construction Chemicals, for "Evaluation of Resistance to Cracking of Concrete Repair Materials" (Jan. 2009 *JPCL*)
- J. Peter Ault, P.E., Elzly Technology Corp., and Christopher Farschon, CCC&L, for "20-Year Performance of Bridge Maintenance Systems" (Jan. 2009 JPCL)
- Jay Helsel and Kirk Wissmar, KTA-Tator, Inc., for their article "Estimating the Cost and Service Life of Protective Coatings" (July 2008 *JPCL*)
- Sankara Papavinasam, Michael Attard, and R. Winston Revie, CANMET Materials Technology Laboratory, and Bertrand Balducci, GDF SUEZ Group of France, for "Testing Coatings for Pipeline—New Laboratory Methodologies to Simulate Field Operating Conditions of External Pipeline Coatings" (Feb. 2009 *IPCL*)



Fred Goodwin receives the JPCL Editors' Award for an article he co-authored with Frank Apicella.



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# SSPC/*JPCL* Offer 4 Webinars During Spring and Summer

Webinar Education Series

he SSPC/JPCL Webinar Series: Education and Training in Protective Coatings will include 4 one-hour sessions from May through August:

Challenges of Coating Windtowers, One-Coat Systems for Steel Bridge Structures, Moisture Eval-

uation and Remediation for Concrete, and Etching Concrete without Environmental Drawbacks.

The webinars provide continuing education credits for SSPC's recertifications, as well as technology updates on important topics.

Participation in the webinars is free, but for those who wish to receive continuing education credits from SSPC, a test is available after each webinar. Cost of the test service is \$25. All participants, however, will receive a certificate of completion without cost.

#### **Spring and Summer Webinar Schedule**

May 26

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.: Challenges of Coating Windtowers

The webinar on exterior windtower coatings will explain how to select coatings for these structures, taking into account environmental conditions and durability requirements. Steve Milhous of PPG will present this webinar.

• June 8

11:00 a.m.—Noon: One-Coat Systems for Steel Bridge Structures

The webinar on one-coat systems for steel bridges provides results of a 2-

year study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration that evaluated per-

formance of 8 separate one-coat systems. Included in the evaluation were electrochemical impedance spectroscopy, surface failure characterization, rust creepage at the scribe, pull-off adhesion, and visual changes to color and gloss.

• July 13

11:00 a.m.—Noon: Moisture Evaluation and Remediation for Concrete

This webinar will review the current methods for measuring moisture in concrete, identify the important standards, and explain the remediation methods.

· August 10

11:00 a.m.—Noon: Etching Concrete without Environmental Drawbacks

In this webinar, the presenter will describe the current methods of surface preparation of concrete. He will then review standards for the chemical etching of concrete, identify etching materials that meet the standard, and explain the environmental advantages of the new etching materials.

To register for one or more of these webinars, go to paintsquare.com/education.

#### SSPC's May Training Schedule

In addition to joint Webinars with *JPCL*, SSPC will offer several of the association's training courses nationally, internationally, and online throughout May. The schedule includes

• May 1−6: Protective Coatings

Inspector Program (PCI), Egypt

- May 3—8: Bridge Coating Inspector-Tech Level, Hammond, IN
- May 3–7: Fundamentals of Protective Coatings (C1), Rochester, NY
- May 11: Evaluating Common Coating

- May 11-12: Floor Coating Basics, Phoenix, AZ
- May 11-14: Fundamentals of Protective Coatings (C1), Philadelphia,
- May 12–13: Project Management for the Industrial Painting Contractor, Pittsburgh, PA
- May 15: Online Courses—Applicator Training Basics; Basics of Concrete Preparation: **Basics** Nonferrous Surface Preparation; Basics Surface Steel Preparation: Fundamentals of Protective Coatings (C1); Marine Coatings; Planning and Specifying Industrial Coatings Projects (C2); Quality Control Supervisor (QCS)
- May 17–18: Concrete Coating Basics, Houston, TX
- May 17–21: Planning and Specifying Industrial Coatings Projects (C2), Newport News, VA
- May 17–22: Protective Coatings Inspector Program (PCI), Port Orchard, WA
- May 19–22: Concrete Coating Inspector Program (CCI), Houston, TX
- 22: Protective Coatings Specialist (PCS), Newport News, VA
- May 24-25: Airless Spray Basics (C12), Lakewood, WA
- May 24-29: Protective Coatings Inspector Program (PCI), Jakarta, Indonesia

For future training, visit www.sspc.org or see the JPCL calendar. To register, contact Dee Boyle at boyle@sspc.org or 877-281-7772, ext. 2202.

#### **C2 Course Held in Tulsa**

Anchor Paint Mfg. Co. (Tulsa, OK) held a modified SSPC Specifying Industrial Coatings Projects (C2) Course on February 4. Twenty students attended the course, which was led by veteran instructor Earl Bowry.

Chuck Taylor, president of Anchor Paint Mfg. Co., stated, "While SSPC offers many excellent training pro-

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Students of the ATT course at PACE 2010 in Phoenix. AZ.

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SSPC has announced that GPI-Southeast, Inc., of Florida, has met the certification requirements of the SSPC-QP 5 inspection program.

SSPC-QP 5, Coating and Lining Inspection Company Certification Program, is a national certification standard for inspection companies whose focus is the industrial coating and lining industry. It evaluates an inspection company's ability to provide consistent, high-quality coating and lining inspection services. SSPC developed the program to set a standard of practice for coating and lining inspection companies, and SSPC independently audits companies to determine whether it has the capabibilities to provide comprehensive protective coating inspection services in accordance with the standard.

GPI-Southeast is a civil engineering and coatings company with offices throughout Florida. The company specializes in steel bridge rehabilitation and has successfully completed the Dames Point Bridge, one of the largest projects in the state of Florida. GPI consultants and inspectors have completed one or more of the following certifications or training: SSPC-PCS, SSPC-BCI, SSPC-C3, and NACE CIP. More information can be found at www.gpinet.com

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# Research Funded for Marine Coatings Work, **Shipyard Safety**

tudies related to coating work are among projects funded this year by the National Shipbuilding Research Program's (NSRP) Executive Control Board (ECB). Each year, the NSRP ECB funds a portfolio of new research and development projects under the execution of the Ship Production Panels, to fulfill its core mission to reduce the costs associated with Navy shipbuilding and repair.

The panels often identify project opportunities that are not well suited for funding via the major project solicitation process, but that NSRP still considers important to the shipbuilding industry. Typically, the ECB funds relatively small (less than \$100K), short-term (12 months or less) projects.

Recently, the ECB selected 14 new research and development projects for awards totaling approximately \$1.2 million. The following are descriptions of some of the recent awards relevant to the *JPCL* readership.

- "Analysis of Injuries & Fatalities in Shipbuilding Industry Associated with 'Struck By,' 'Struck Against,' or 'Caught In' Incidents" (Award: \$23K) Atlantic Marine is the project lead.
- "Safe Practice of Common Shipyard Rigging Equipment" (Award: \$81K) The project is lead by GD NASSCO.
- · "Study to Determine an Alternative Coatings System Environment Recorder" (Award: \$92K) Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Newport News will lead this project.
- · "Study to Determine the Level of Salt Mitigation as Related to the Accuracy of the Measurement and Cost Benefits" (Award: \$79K) This project is led by Lydia Frenzel.
- "The Cost of U.S. Navy Coatings QA/QC" (Award: \$81K) Global Inspection Group will lead the project.

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# **Hercules Painting to Recoat Carter Memorial Bridge**

ercules Painting Company (New Castle, PA), SSPC-QP 1- and QP 2-certified, secured a contract of \$13,328,657 from the West Virginia Department of Transportation to recoat a total of 7,155 tons of existing structural steel on the Eugene A. Carter Memorial Bridge.

The structure, which is known locally as the Fort Hill Bridge, carries the state's heaviest traffic burden over the Kanawha River. The 17-span, 2,246 foot-long bridge includes ten continuous deck girder spans, a 465-foot-long

simple through truss main span, and six continuous concrete box beam spans.

The project includes coating 6,097 tons of steel on the mainline of the structure, including the 465-foot-long main span, as well as coating 1,058 tons of approach ramp steel. The steel will be abrasive blast cleaned to a Near-White finish (SSPC-SP 10) and recoated with an organic zinc-rich primer, a waterborne acrylic intermediate, and a waterborne acrylic finish. The contract includes containment of the existing lead-bearing coatings.

#### Hames Contracting Wins Beaufort Channel Drawbridge Painting Bid

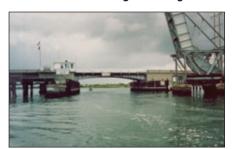


Photo courtesy of NC DOT

Hames Contracting, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) was awarded a contract of \$890,000 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to perform coatings application and grid floor replacement on the 673-foot-long by 28-foot-wide Beaufort Channel Drawbridge. The contract, which requires SSPC-QP 2 certification, includes recoating 18,626 square feet of steel on the bridge, including the two 68.5-foot-long leaf spans. The majority of the steel will be abrasive blast-cleaned to a Near-White finish (SSPC-SP 10) and coated with an organic zinc-rich primer, epoxy intermediate, polyurethane finish, while hard-to-access steel will be hand-tool cleaned (SSPC-SP 2) and coated with an aluminum epoxy mastic system. The contract includes erecting Class 2A containment (SSPC-Guide 6) to control the emission of the existing lead-bearing coatings into the waterway below.



#### Allied Painting Secures Basilone Memorial Bridge Coating Contract

Allied Painting, Inc. (Franklinville, NJ), a SSPC-QP 1- and QP 2-certified company, won a contract of \$5,550,607 from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to recoat structural steel on the John Basilone Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Raritan River. The project includes cleaning and coating approximately 155,800 square feet of carbon steel and approximately 107,100 square feet of weathering steel on the

approach spans and main river unit. The steel will be abrasive blast-cleaned to a Near-White finish (SSPC-SP 10) and coated with a zinc-epoxy-polyurethane system. The contract includes erecting Class 1A containment (SSPC-Guide 6) to control emissions of the existing lead-bearing coatings. The project also includes installing a membrane waterproofing system on 7,700 square feet of substructure surfaces as a portion of the related repair work.

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#### JPI Painting Awarded **Tank Rehabilitation**

JPI Painting, Inc. (Poland, OH) secured a contract of \$2,141,200 from the City of Yonkers, NY, to rehabilitate a 1 MG, fluted-column, elevated water storage tank. The project includes abrasive blast-cleaning and recoating the interior and exteri-

or surfaces. The interior wet surfaces will be abrasive blast-cleaned to a Near-White finish (SSPC-SP 10) and lined with a 100%-solids, elastomeric polyurethane system, which will require artificial heat and desiccant dehumidification to facilitate proper curing. The interior dry surfaces will be abrasive blast-cleaned to a

Commercial finish (SSPC-SP 6) and coated with a zinc-epoxy system. The exterior surfaces will be abrasive blast-cleaned to a Commercial finish and coated with a zinc-epoxy-polyurethane or zinc-epoxypolysiloxane system. The contract includes erecting a Class 2A containment structure to control the release of the existing lead-bearing coatings.

#### Jeffco Painting to **Repair Clarifier Coatings**

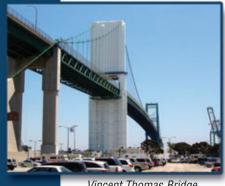
Jeffco Painting & Coating, Inc. (Vallejo, CA) was awarded a contract of \$642,000 by the City of San Jose, CA, to clean and recoat metal components associated with five clarifiers at a water pollution control plant. The contract, which requires SSPC-QP 1 and QP 2 certification, includes abrasive blastcleaning and recoating submerged metals, bridges, railings, and catwalk decks, as well as power-tool cleaning and recoating miscellaneous exposed metals. The metals will be coated with various high-solids epoxy, epoxy-urethane, and skid-resistant epoxy systems.

#### **Cascade Industries Northwest Wins Poluurea Coating Contract**

Cascade Industries Northwest, Inc. (Bothell, WA) was awarded a contract of \$14,430.50 by the City of Bellingham, WA, to repair and line the interior surfaces and miscellaneous metals in a concrete raw water flume at a water treatment plant. The project includes applying a 100%-solids, pure polyurea coating system to approximately 910 square feet of flume surfaces. The contract includes furnishing a third-party, NACE Level IIIcertified coatings inspector to perform quality control services.

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# CONTRACTORS FOCUS on Quality and Innovation By Joe Maty, JPCL

or the first time, JPCL has given a face to its Industrial Contractor Directory, with this profile of top contractors, as measured by revenues from painting and related activities.

These top contractors are listed and

These top contractors are listed and described; and in most cases, their leaders' views about their success are reported.

The profiles describe what ten top contractors do and explain how they achieved their successes. Through these profiles, readers will learn about important practices and innovations, such as Jerry Brock's development of middle managers (project managers); K2's diversification of its customer base to minimize business cycle disruptions; Park Derochie's focus on educating customers about the value of strong maintenance painting programs; the expansion of services beyond painting to satisfy large customers' needs, as seen with Mobley Industrial Services and Dunkin &

Bush; and investment in rigorous training for workers, named as a key to success by many companies.

The picture created by these profiles shows that successful industrial painting contractors have sophisticated management skills, strong technical knowledge, and the energy and desire to create innovations in their services. In short, these are very impressive companies.

To acquire information for these profiles and the contractor directory itself, a survey was sent to 2500 contractors known to do industrial coating work. To be eligible for inclusion in the profiles, contractors had to give us a revenue range, and then their revenues for 2009 rounded to the nearest million. A few top contractors declined to participate in this way, or declined to be interviewed, so the rankings are not totally comprehensive.

The table on p. 41 lists top contractors and indicates their QP status in SSPC's Painting Contractor Certification Program.

#### The Brock Group

**Houston, Texas** 

2009 revenue: \$223 million

**Industries served:** Chemical processing, gas utility, offshore oil & gas, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline

From its modest beginnings in the 1940s in Southeast Texas, The Brock Group has grown to become the biggest protective coatings contractor in North America and South America, with 2009 revenue of approximately \$223 million.

The company started life in 1947 as Service Painting Company of Beaumont, the creation of Cecil and Jack Anderson. Early on, the company bid on most any kind of work, says Bruce Henley, a longtime company executive who carries the title vice president, technical support.

Jerry Brock, whose wife's uncles were Cecil and Jack Anderson, joined



Coal tube painting in the Carolinas. Courtesy of The Brock Group

the company in 1954 and presided over the company's strong expansion program. Brock, who eventually acquired the company in 1980, espoused a business philosophy focused on "bringing in good people," and giving them responsibility for operation of different business units located at various sites, Henley says. Eventually, Brock Enterprises was formed as a holding company in 1982 as the umbrella corporation for the various units.

Jerry Brock also brought innovation to the company by creating a "project manager" approach to the business, where company representatives took on greater responsibility in the planning and execution of painting and related activities at customer sites. This approach represented a departure from the traditional owner-superintendent arrangement, and generated additional

Table 1: Top Industrial Painting Contractors by Revenue Reported

|                                      | 2009 Revenue (approx.)         |                              |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Company                              | (Painting, related activities) | Location                     | SSPC Certifications*               |
| The Brock Group                      | \$223 million                  | Houston, TX                  | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| K2 Industrial Services               | \$100 million                  | Hammond, IN                  | QP 1, QP 2, QP 3                   |
| Mobley Industrial Services           | \$56 million                   | Deer Park, TX                | QP 1                               |
| Park Derochie Coatings Ltd.          | \$55 million                   | Fort McMurray, Alberta, Can. | QP 1, QP 3, QP 6                   |
| Avalotis Corp.                       | \$55 million                   | Verona, PA                   | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Dunkin & Bush                        | \$41 million                   | Kirkland, WA                 | QP 1, QP 2, QP 3                   |
| FD Thomas Inc.                       | \$38 million                   | Tacoma, WA                   | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Parker Kaefer Inc.                   | \$35 million                   | Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Can. |                                    |
| United Coatings (UCC)                | \$33 million                   | Portsmouth, VA               | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| CL Coatings                          | \$27 million                   | Mokena, IL                   | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Thomas Industrial Coatings           | \$27 million                   | Pevely, MO                   | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Hartman Walsh Painting Company       | \$25 million                   | St. Louis, MO                | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Long Painting Company                | \$25 million                   | Portland, OR                 | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Purcell Painting & Coatings, LLC     | \$25 million                   | Tukwila, WA                  | QP 1, QP 2                         |
| Vulcan Painters Inc.                 | \$21 million                   | Bessemer, AL                 | QP 1, QP 2, QP 3, QP 8, QP 9, QS 1 |
| Austin Industrial Inc.               | \$20 million                   | Houston, TX                  |                                    |
| Southeastern Industrial Construction | \$12 million                   | Pelham, AL                   |                                    |
| PCI Roads LLC                        | \$10 million                   | St. Michael, MN              |                                    |

<sup>\*</sup>Guide to SSPC Certifications

SSPC-QP 1, Field Surface Preparation and Coating Application; SSPC-QP 2, Hazardous Coating Removal; SSPC-QP 3, Shop Painting; SSPC-QP 6, Thermal Spray Coatings SSPC-QP 8, Installation of Polymer Coatings and Surfacings on Concrete or other Cementitious Substrates; SSPC-QP 9, Application of Architectural Paints and Coatings—Commercial and Institutional Structures; SSPC-QS 1, Advanced Quality Management Systems (QMS)

revenue-producing opportunities, Henley says.

"Jerry created a mid-management level that could raise the professional level of the company," Henley says. "In this way we could provide services a conventional painting contractor could not." In practice under this approach, the company could bring to the table expertise to formulate painting programs at client sites, based on assessment of the maintenance needs at the given location. This approach proved valuable in situations where streamlining or cost-cutting at facilities resulted in the loss of in-house departments or personnel that previously held responsibility for such programs. This service also allowed Brock Group to assume a role that consultants or other vendors might otherwise fill, Henley says.

Jeff Davis was one of the original project managers hired by Jerry Brock and is now the CEO of The Brock Group.

Today, Brock Group's portfolio includes painting, insulation, scaffolding, janitorial/yards and grounds maintenance, roofing, and lead and asbestos abatement with total revenue in excess of \$1.2 billion. The majority of the company was sold to the private-equity firm Lindsay Goldberg, and since then Brock Group has made a number of acquisitions, including Atlantic Industrial Inc. and XServ Inc., Henley says.



Jeff Davis

Brock Group operates in North and South America, with offices strategeically loacated in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, and Venezuela. The portfolio is almost exclusively industrial, nearly all of it in the private sector. Key markets are petrochemical, power, offshore, pulp and paper, and pipeline. A relatively small volume of commercial work originates from the Joliet office.

Henley says that, as is the case with other companies in the business, "we're in a service business, so it's all about service. They (the customer) have to be convinced that the service is good. It's their view of this level of service that matters, not ours."

Also crucial to success is the mandate to stay current with technology, and to focus strongly on training programs for personnel, he adds.

While companies continue to be affected by the economic times, Brock has actually gained market share and is poised for a bright future. This is a testimony to the divers service offerings of Brock, their management approach, and the value delivered to their clients.

"We just want to make sure we're in a position to grow when things turn around."

The Brock Group is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### **K2 Industrial Services**

Hammond, Ind.

2009 revenue: \$100 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water works

K2 Industrial Services is the holding company for several business units active in the protective coatings industry, including Mansfield Industrial, Cannon Sline, KM Industrial, Manta Industrial, and KM Plant Services.

Through strategic acquisitions and internal resource growth, K2 Industrial says it has transformed itself from a major painting and industrial cleaning

contractor into a diversified provider of industrial coatings, fireproofing, insulation, refractory, industrial cleaning, roofing, scaffolding, and metal building erection services. Combined, the company has 22 operating sites across the country.

The companies' combined annual revenue is approximately \$150 million, with painting and specialty coatings accounting for about 65% of sales. Industrial cleaning contributed another 20%, with insulation and other services generating the remaining revenue.

Founded in 1975, Mansfield Industrial operates in the merit shop sector and is based in Pensacola, Fla., with satellite offices in Mobile, Ala.; Baton Rouge,



From a tank farm painting project Courtesy of K2 Industrial Services

La.; Houston, Texas; and the Bahamas. Mansfield is K2's largest protective coatings contracting business, with about \$60 million in annual revenue. While primarily providing services in the Southeast and Gulf Coast regions, Mansfield has done coatings work throughout the Midwest and in the Bahamas. The company's guiding business philosophy is quite simple, says Ted Mansfield, K2 CEO and president of Mansfield Industrial. "To be successful we know we must execute our work safely while consistently meeting customer expectation in quality, cost, and schedule. We are committed to supplying our customers with the safest and



Interior painting of cooling tower. Courtesy of K2 Industrial Services

highest quality services possible."

Cannon Sline traces its roots to 1916, when Oliver B. Cannon started the company in Philadelphia. Initially, the company was a commercial painting contractor but evolved to focus on industrial painting in the 1940s and 1950s. Over the years, the company has expanded its operating facilities along the eastern seaboard from Pennsylvania to Florida, and in the Midwest.

Cannon Sline benefits from considerable diversity in its customer base, says Mark Chuplis, president. "Cannon Sline specializes in challenging, timesensitive, highly complex jobs. We don't have one segment that accounts for the majority of our business. We're fairly well spread out among new construction, maintenance, pulp and paper, power, marine, and petrochemical."

In assessing prospects for the near term, Chuplis echoes the opinions of others in the industrial painting trade in observing that companies in the business normally experience a delayed effect from economic downturns, and often can escape a direct hit thanks to ongoing maintenance programs. Keys to riding out tough times, he says, are flexibility on pricing and terms.

With offices in California and Nevada, KM Industrial serves customers in the power generation and wastewater treatment industries. The company is headed by co-presidents Chuplis and Will Colon.

Manta Industrial, founded in 1908, ranks as K2's senior painting and specialty coatings business. Situated in the nation's industrial heartland, Manta specializes in the application of corro-



Ted Mansfield

sion-inhibiting protective coatings for the industrial and heavy commercial markets. Tony Bochniak, company president, exudes confidence about the com-

pany's capabilities. "With over 100 years of experience, we can handle the most challenging coating projects, regardless of their location, complexity, or material requirements."

KM Plant Services is K2's industrialcleaning specialist. Led by president Will Colon, the company serves the Midwestern industrial market.

The recently acquired KA Industrial is a supplier of nonunion painting and other services in the Northeast.

Chuplis, also president of KA, says investment in the company has strengthened its service offerings and expanded its customer reach.

Regarding prospects for the longer term, Chuplis says K2 Industrial will continue to emphasize innovation and advanced technical capabilities such as robotic blasting and application and other high-tech expertise. "We're certified with just about every major supplier of coatings, and are proficient with everything from plural-component products, to hot mixes, to conventional alkyds," he says.

Mansfield says success in the industry will come the way of companies that possess the capital resources and equipment to meet quality requirements, training standards, and certifications, particularly for jobs in the public sector, which he says is likely to offer greater opportunities than private industry in the near term. The energy market will provide growth potential as well, while other manufacturing industries are likely to lag behind.

"Our company is performing well in this very challenging economic environment, and we are pleased with the speed at which our team has been able to adjust to changing market conditions. Our financial position is strong, enhancing our capability to weather near-term storms, invest for future growth and improve stakeholder value."

K2's Cannon Sline, KM Industrial, Mansfield Industrial, and Manta Industrial have certification to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2. Manta Industrial is also certified to SSPC-QP 3.

#### **Mobley Industrial Services**

Deer Park, Texas

2009 revenue: \$56 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, electronics, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, railcar and railway vehicle, recreation, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, waste treatment, water tanks/works

Mobley Industrial Services marked 30 years in business in 2009, but 2010 figures to deliver significantly stronger results than the anniversary year, the company says.

The company was founded by Jack Mobley, who got his start in the business painting communications towers around the country and bridges over the Mississippi and Kansas rivers. Jack Mobley worked for two other painting companies before forming Mobley Industrial Painters Inc. His sons Chuck,



Photos this page courtesy of Mobley Industrial Services

Todd, and Jeff joined the company not long after the startup.

Over the years, the company expanded beyond painting, and today offers a range of services that includes coatings and linings, control of corrosion under insulation and fireproofing, fireproofing, grounds maintenance, insulation, janitorial, lead and asbestos abatement, scaf-

folding, and asset management.
Revenue was approximately \$56 million in 2009, but a major improvement is anticipated this year, with projected revenue of \$80 million, says Chuck Mobley, Jack's son and president of Mobley Industrial Services Corpus Christi.

The company serves a range of



industries across the South and Midwest, including petrochemical, power, pulp and paper, food and beverage, cryogenics, and marine. Nimble management is cited as a strength, and is attributed to the company's family-owned tradition, the hands-on involvement of key executives, and dedicated, long-term employees. The company's work force ranges from 500 to 1,000, depending on workload.

Safety ranks as a priority for the company, which says it conducts 25 different safety training programs involving all





From I to r: Jack Mobley, CEO, Mobley Industrial Services and Mobley Corpus Christi, Inc.; Kirk Mobley, Risk Manager; Chuck Mobley, President, Mobley Industrial Services Corpus Christi, Inc.; and Todd Mobley, President, Mobley Industrial Services, Inc.

aspects of work, including hazard communication, ladder safety, fall protection, hand safety, respirator safety, hearing safety, confined-space entry, and abrasive blasting, among others. The company recently marked one million safe man-hours at BP's Texas City, Texas, site; one million safe man-hours at 11 LyondellBasell sites combined; and 100,000 safe man-hours at Chevron Phillips' Cedar Bayou site in Baytown, Texas. The company has received a host of safety and training awards from the Associated Builders and Contractors organization.

Continuing its record of growth, the company recently opened a branch office in Corpus Christi, Texas, and plans additional offices in Beaumont, Texas, and in Louisiana.

The company says it is currently focused on maintaining and securing work to ride out the tough economic times, while keeping a tight rein on costs. But it also is keeping an eye to future growth prospects, making key hires to be well positioned for the next growth cycle.

Mobley is certified to SSPC-QP 1.

#### Park Derochie Coatings Ltd.

Fort McMurray, Alberta
2009 revenue: \$55 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, offshore oil & gas, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, railcar/railway vehicles, recreation, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, waste treatment, water tanks/works

Park Derochie's fortunes are closely tied to the oil industry in the Canadian province of Alberta, home to extensive oil sands deposits. Not surprisingly, those fortunes took a hit during the downturn of 2008 and 2009, says President Jeff Granberg.

Park Derochie was founded in 1956 by Merle Derochie and Jim Park. Park remained with the business for a few years, but was bought out by Derochie. The company started as a commercial painting business, then made the transformation to industrial painting over a two- to three-year period, due to greater opportunities for expansion in that sector.

Granberg says that for many years, revenue fluctuated from around \$7 to \$12 million a year. For a Canadian company focused primarily on painting work in the field, Granberg says growth prospects are somewhat limited by the window of opportunity during the calendar year. Essentially, this means getting things done during the period from April 15 to Oct. 15, although technology advances have extended the season modestly, he says. When Granberg joined the company in 1997, he says he examined ways the company might ease the off-season chill on sales.

The answer was taking painting inside, in a new shop for painting and fireproofing that opened in 2000. The facility was expanded in 2002 and 2003, Granberg says. The work done in the shop is primarily for new construction.



Tank at Battle River Terminal at Gibsons Hardisty East Terminal Courtesy of Park Derochie Coatings, Ltd



Interior tank painting, Hardisty, AB, Canada Courtesy of Park Derochie Coatings Ltd.

The shop painting operation has played a major part in the company's growth. Fueled by the expanded capabilities and a booming energy industry, protective coatings and fireproofing revenue by 2008 soared to \$93 million. Boom times had come to the western Canadian oil sands region, and Park Derochie was there to tap into the bonanza. With additions to personnel and equipment, the company's offerings included underground pipe coating, painting of massive oil storage tanks, painting of structural steel and aboveground piping, and fireproofing.

The flip side arrived in the last two years, as the recession curtailed activities in the Alberta oil patch, and Park Derochie's revenue took a hit of approximately 40%. "We feel we will be able to maintain the current level, at about \$55 million, for the next couple of years. Then we see growth staring in 2012," Granberg says.

The company also has sought greater diversification, expanding into bridge painting activities and opening an office in Saskatchewan, where the potash mining industry offers potential for additional growth. The company also is active in many other Canadian provinces, ranging from British Columbia eastward through Manitoba,

Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes.

"Diversification and geographic expansion will help us grow from 2012 on out," Granberg says. "Alberta lived in a bubble due to oil sands, but at the end of 2008 that went in the other direction, and other companies had moved in to compete for the business. Now we almost have market saturation."

Looking ahead, Granberg says painting contractors such as Park Derochie must demonstrate that maintenance painting pays off in the long run for industrial customers, in the form of critical corrosion control and



Jeff Granberg

infrastructure integrity. "The challenge is making sure the client looks at it as an important part of an ongoing maintenance program," he says.
Referring to

the current "bare-bones" approach to maintenance painting by many customers, Granberg says contractors must drive home the point that the cost of repair and replacement of steel "is going to be much more costly than maintenance with coatings."

In addition, he says painting contractors that succeed "will be diversified, better trained, and will focus on cost control." Commercial painting may assume greater importance as well for Park Derochie, which is in the running for work at new schools and a new prison in Alberta. "Anything a coating goes on, we need to take a look at it," Granberg says.

Park Derochie is certified to SSPC-QP 1, SSPC-QP 3, and SSPC-QP 6.

#### Avalotis Corp.

Verona, Pa.

2009 revenue: \$55 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, power (conventional and nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, waste treatment, water tanks/works

Avalotis Corp. entered the protective coatings industry in 1965, when George Aivaliotis started the business with a focus on the steel and power industries. Since then, the company has expanded its reach to include a range of market segments, including the steel, power, marine, bridge, sport facility, chemical, beverage, and pharmaceutical industries.

Commercial painting also figures in the company's portfolio.

Chris Aivaliotis, vice president, says annual sales volume over the last three years averages \$55 million, although he adds, "we have seen a pullback in all sectors with the exception of bridge projects." In addition, he says, competition has grown, pressuring margins.

The outlook is tied to the fortunes of the industries the company serves, Aivaliotis says.

The company offers a range of services in addition to painting, including asbestos and lead abatement, fireproofing, industrial cleaning, insulation, and roofing.

The company, with offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Tampa Bay, is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### **Dunkin & Bush**

Kirkland, Wash.

2009 revenue: \$41 million

**Industries served:** Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, electronics, equipment manufacturing, food and pharmaceutical, gas utility, metals

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Deidre Dunkin

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Probably not many protective-coatings contractors can trace their origins to founding by a Baptist missionary, but at least one can—Dunkin & Bush, started in 1943 in Fairbanks, Alaska, by C.O. Dunkin.

Dunkin ventured north to Alaska to build a mission, and after the mission was established, he teamed up with a friend to start a painting company, says Deidre Dunkin, a fourth-generation Dunkin to lead the business, now based in Kirkland, Wash., east of Seattle.

"My grandfather (C.O.'s son), Tom Dunkin Sr., joined the business, and ran it until my father, Tom Dunkin II, also joined it in 1969," says Deidre, president and CEO. The company's primary office remained in Fairbanks until a Seattle office was opened in 1966.

For many years, the company's portfolio was mainly commercial, with industrial painting entering the picture in the late 1970s. Industrial became the sole focus due to several factors, Deidre Dunkin says. "My father felt the future was in maintenance of industrial facilities, so we shifted in that direction." Key markets included petroleum and chemical facilities, some public

works—mostly highway bridges power, pulp and paper, and metals and mining.

Currently, the petrochemical segment is probably the biggest single industry served by the company.

Geographically, Dunkin & Bush serves customers in Alaska, the West Coast including California, Hawaii, and east to the Rockies.

The industry continues to change and present new challenges, Deidre Dunkin says, and contractors must adapt and evolve to keep pace.

"Our customers are becoming increasingly sophisticated. They want to deal with fewer contractors, not more, so a company will have to provide more than one industrial service." An example, she says, is Dunkin & Bush's recent entry into scaffolding and insulation work.

"The days of being just a painting contractor are past; the opportunities are fairly limited," she says.

Dunkin envisions continued sluggishness in key market segments for the company in the near term, observing that "our customers have been some of the last to be hit, and may be last to recover" from the recession, particularly in the chemical business. "I would not expect improvement in 2010, but hope that 2011 will see a recovery. It could be longer, but I don't see it happening any sooner."

Dunkin notes that Dunkin & Bush is one of the few industrial painting contractor businesses that is majority owned by a woman; the company's application for formal status as a woman-owned business is pending. Dunkin & Bush retains its family-business heritage as well: Deidre's brother, Tom Dunkin III, is a project manager with the company.

Dunkin & Bush is certified to SSPC-

QP 1, SSPC-QP 2, and SSPC-QP 3. **FD Thomas Inc.** 

Tacoma, Wash.

2009 revenue: \$38 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, electronics, food & pharmaceutical, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, waste treatment, water tank/works

From its beginnings in the late 1970s as a residential painting contractor going by the name of "Dan's Quality Painting," F.D. Thomas Inc. has evolved to become a major protective-coatings company serving a range of markets, with particular coatings expertise in high-tech industries such as semiconductor manufacturing.

Dan Thomas, founder and president of F.D. Thomas, took his young painting company into the realm of larger-scale commercial and industrial activities in the early 1980s, with work in the lumber, fruit, and mining industries.



Dan Thomas

Significant projects early on included extensive restoration projects at the Jackson County, Ore., courthouse and the Point Arena and Point Cabrillo light-

houses on the northern California coast. Thomas expanded his operations with the acquisition of the assets of several painting contractors in the San Francisco Bay area, adding capabilities such as spray polyurethane foam (SPF) insulation and more extensive abrasive blasting equipment.

The company was incorporated as F.D. Thomas Inc. in 1988, and entered

the technically demanding field of chemical-resistant coatings for tank linings and secondary containment. Hightech manufacturing came to figure prominently in the company's portfolio, with work for Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Micron, IBM, Motorola, WaferTech, Microchip, Samsung, and Novellus. The high-tech industry remains central to F.D. Thomas's fortunes.

The semiconductor industry fueled continued expansion for F.D. Thomas, and the company's reach extended to work in the Northeast, Virginia, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California. More recently, F.D. Thomas added expertise in wastewater treatment, power, and other major industrial categories, and also entered the field of building and structure restoration. The company's Sacramento, Calif., office has completed many landmark projects in the San Francisco area.

F.D. Thomas in 2000 acquired Engineered Coating Applicators, a business with strengths in parking garage restoration, carbon-fiber installations, concrete restoration, and other specialties.

In 2003, F.D. Thomas, working with Bechtel, was awarded coatings application work for the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant, also known as the VIT plant. The massive, ongoing project has a target completion date of 2019. F.D. Thomas says it is one of only two companies to successfully meet the requirements of BSL 4 containment coatings.

Assessing prospects for the protective coatings industry, Dan Thomas says he sees a "mixed bag."

"On one hand we have this incredibly competitive work that you will find all contractors bidding in, and then there is a restrictive arena mainly in the private sector that is putting safety requirements and other barriers to entry in place that are in many cases above what good, responsible contractors can meet.

"And then there are the varying government agencies using creative RFP processes that eliminate competition and rely on very ambiguous factors to decide the contractor of choice. In many ways the federal government is going from an agency that strived to guarantee opportunity to one that is striving to guarantee outcomes by regulations and requirements that are above the norm."

Thomas says he is convinced that the health and safety requirements for workers will become even more stringent, and contractors will need to add CIH (Certified Industrial Hygienists) to staffs "to monitor and confirm that compliance is met."

As for growth potential, Thomas says he envisions continued weakness in the private sector, and greater reliance on infrastructure projects.

Thomas also says that, despite high unemployment rates, "qualified workers that perform quality work safely are hard to find.

"As a union contractor I see a huge investment by both the contractor and union to train a better industrial work force. It is a big risk, because if the union contractors don't get the work, the worker will go to the nonunion sector that has the work."

F.D. Thomas is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### Parker Kaefer Inc.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia 2009 revenue: \$35 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, offshore oil & gas, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, waste treat-

ment, water tanks/works.

After a lull in revenue growth during the recent economic downturn, Parker Kaefer Inc. anticipates a return to brighter fortunes in the near future, says Tom Fitzpatrick, general manager, Atlantic Canada.

"The revenue outlook in the short term here in eastern Canada is slow," Fitzpatrick says. "It will pick up in 2011 and 2012." But, he adds, "there are no major projects on the books for 2010,



Tom Fitzpatrick

shore fields.

so between the competitors there is quite the squabble to get what work there is." Parker Kaefer was

created by

the purchase

of the former

Parker Brothers by Kaefer, based in Bremen, Germany, in 2006. Parker Kaefer's fortunes are tied closely to the energy sector, which has enjoyed something of a boom in Canada's Maritime Provinces and adjacent off-

Kaefer also owns Albrinco Kaefer, a western Canada company primarily engaged in the insulation business. Overall, Kaefer's various business units work in the painting, scaffolding, passive fire protection, lead abatement, and asbestos-abatement fields. Parker Kaefer also operates offices in New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

Following acquisition by Kaefer,
Parker Kaefer has expanded from its
original Nova Scotia base to
Newfoundland and adjacent offshore
sites, and has pursued opportunities in
maintenance coatings for offshore and
land-based gas operations, commercial
painting, and other energy segments,



Compression hook-up, Offshore Nova Scotia. Photos courtesy of Parker Kaefer, Inc.



as well as work generated by new building construction, Fitzpatrick says. The company managed to record its best year in 2009, which he attributes to previously approved customer projects that went forward as planned. The outlook is less upbeat for 2010 and 2011, with prospects for improvement in 2012 as substantial projects are expected to come online. Fitzpatrick anticipates a retreat in revenue growth this year, with 2011 bringing a return to 2009 levels or slightly below, followed by a return to expansion.

"The keys will be the company leadership's ability to find and execute work, and of course economic growth. If everyone's afraid to spend money, we'll have to hunker down and cut overhead until business gets going again," he says.

Fitzpatrick says Parker Kaefer places a premium on a highly professional, rigorously trained work force, with certifications by NACE and SSPC a priority. "Substandard work is not acceptable. If the spec is not right for the application, we advise revisions if we see it as needed," he says.

"The technology future is moving faster now than it ever has. All of our managers and 90% of our craftsmen are gaining certifications from SSPC and NACE that were at the consultant level 10 years ago. Now we need these levels in order to even have a chance at getting some of the offshore, nuclear, and even marine and industrial projects.

"The business is way smarter. You need more than just on-the-job training now to make it in the application business. You have to almost have one up on the engineers, consultants, manu-

facturers, and the owners."

#### **CL Coatings**

Mokena, III.

2009 revenue: \$27 million

**Industries served:** Aerospace, bridge & highway, pharmaceutical, power, refinery & petrochemical, pipeline

CL Coatings, based in Mokena, Ill., is a relative newcomer to the protective coatings industry, dating to 2005. That's when Jim Sourbis, Allen DeLange, Leo Manta, Michael Chakos, and Nik Manias teamed up to launch the business. Sourbis is the current president of CL Coatings.

All five had been veterans of J.L.Manta Inc., an industrial contractor dating back to 1919.

The company, with an office in Lakeland, Fla., in addition to the head-quarters in Illinois, is quite diversified, with a mix of about 30% in the power market, 20% in petrochemical and pharma, 20% refining and pipeline, and about 20% spread among transportation, NASA, and other government agencies, DeLange says. Primary geographic markets are Florida, Illinois, Indiana, and other southeastern and Midwestern states.

DeLange, CL Coatings vice president,



Jim Sourbis

ny has steadily built the business since its launch in 2005. A key to the company's initial and subsequent success, he says, is

a partnership that taps into the skills of the partners—Chakos's in financial; Manta's long-term experience in the trade; DeLange's expertise in technical and engineering; Manias's Florida base of operations; and Sourbis's considerable operations and management skills.

"We've all been in the business for a long time, and bring different skills to the



Courtesy of CL Coatings, LLC

company," DeLange says.

Notable recent projects include the repainting of the exterior and extensive lead abatement of the space vehicle building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Last year, the company also installed new pool linings at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

Central to success currently and in the future, DeLange says, are a focus on employee safety training, reducing insurance costs, and technical qualifications that are crucial in bidding for jobs.

"Those are really the drivers. The customers we have are focused on safety, qualifications, and performance. That's what's getting us our share of the market."

The company recently achieved a milestone-Working 1,000,000 Man- Hours without a Lost Time Accident.

CL Coatings is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### Thomas Industrial Coatings

Pevely, Mo.

2009 revenue: \$27 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, equipment manufacturing, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, power (conventional), pulp & paper, railcar/railway vehicle, recreation, refin-

ery/petrochemical, pipeline, waste treatment, water tank/works "Wherever there's anything to do with water and rust, that's where I'm at."

Such is Thomas Industrial Coatings owner Don Thomas's succinct summation of the majority of the

work of his company, based in Pevely, Mo., situated along the Mississippi River south of St. Louis.

Bridges, water towers, locks and dams, and other marine-way infrastructure and vessels make up the lion's share of Thomas Industrial's job portfolio, supplemented by general industrial maintenance painting, lead abatement, and casino work.

Thomas Industrial has grown steadily since Thomas launched the business in 1990 following jobs with other painting companies. Revenue was \$27 million in 2009, with \$30 million projected for 2010, he says. Both figures represent highwater marks, and growth from a range of \$24-\$25 million that had become the typical range in recent years.

Not bad for a guy who quit high school



Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas

his senior year and went to work as a vacuum operator, recovering blast residue on river barges that were undergoing maintenance. From there, he moved on to work as a painter, then a foreman, and finally a superintendent and company executive. He was a vice president with the former Schield Painting of St. Louis when the company went under, and he decided to take a risk by starting his own company. From annual revenue of about \$1 million starting out, Thomas has grown the company to the brink of the \$30 million plateau. Not one for fancy job titles,



Huey P. Long Bridge Project Courtesy of Thomas Industrial Coatings

he simply says he's the company owner.

Thomas gives a great deal of the credit for his success to "surrounding myself with people a lot smarter than me." And he says 70% of his business is from repeat customers, going back to clients he started with. He also likes to say that "safety, safety, safety is number one; quality, quality is number two; and quantity is number three. But without the first two, you won't get number three."

Thomas's all-union work force is com-

# TOP CONTRACTORS

posed of "150 guys, and 100 have never worked for anyone but me."

From his humble beginnings, Thomas has transformed the business into an operation that sends crews to sites all over the Midwest and South, and as far as Seattle and New Jersey. The portfolio includes lead abatement, tanks, structures of various types, barges, tugboats, and other marine vessels and infrastructure. He estimates that 70% of his work is marine related.

Assessing prospects for his company and the industry going forward, Thomas says he's confident the industrial market will continue to grow, with maintenance requirements dictating the need for repainting.

Companies must continue to emphasize safety programs and offer the client "more than just a paint job," he says. "They're looking for security, that we're highly trained and qualified, that we do what we say we are going to do, and that at the end of day they don't have environmental or lead issues. And we also must continue to educate employees."

Thomas Industrial Coatings is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

# Other Major Protective Coatings Contractors

participated in the JPCL survey, with a company officer reporting 2009 revenue. They are listed below in order of revenue. (See Table on p. 41.)

#### **United Coatings (UCC)**

Portsmouth, VA

2009 revenue: \$33 million

**Industries served:** Chemical processing, marine & shipyard, power (nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, wastewater treatment, water tank/works.

United Coatings is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### Hartman Walsh Painting Company

St. Louis, Mo.

2009 revenue: \$25 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, electronics, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, offshore oil & gas, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, recreation, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

Hartman & Walsh is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

#### **Long Painting Company**

Portland, Ore.

2009 revenue: \$25 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, electronics, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, marine & shipyard, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, recreation, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

Long Painting is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

# Purcell Painting & Coatings, LLC

Tukwila, Wash.

2009 revenue: \$25 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, marine & shipyard, metals & mining, offshore oil & gas, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

Purcell is certified to SSPC-QP 1 and SSPC-QP 2.

Vulcan Painters Inc.

Bessemer, Ala.

2009 revenue: \$21 million

Industries served: Aerospace, bridge & highway, chemical processing, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, metals & mining, power (conventional), pulp & paper, railcar/railway vehicle, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

Vulcan Painters is certified to SSPC-QP 1, SSPC-QP 2, SSPC-QP 3, SSPC-QP 8, SSPC-QP 9, and SSPC-QS 1.

#### Austin Industrial Inc.

Houston, Texas

2009 revenue: \$20 million

Industries served: Chemical processing, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, power (conventional & nuclear), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

#### Southeastern Industrial Construction

Pelham, Ala.

2009 revenue: \$12 million

Industries served: Aerospace, chemical processing, electronics, equipment manufacturing, food & pharmaceutical, gas utility, metals & mining, power (conventional), pulp & paper, railcar/railway vehicle, recreation, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater treatment, water tank/works

#### PCI Roads LLC

St. Michael, Minn.

2009 revenue: \$10 million

Industries served: Bridge & highway, chemical processing, food & pharmaceutical, metals & mining, power (conventional), pulp & paper, refinery/petrochemical, pipeline, wastewater

treatment, water tank/works.

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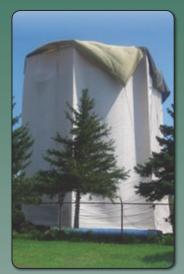
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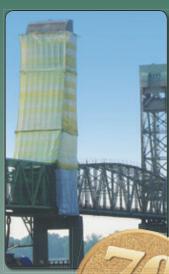
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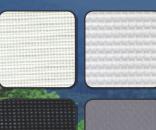
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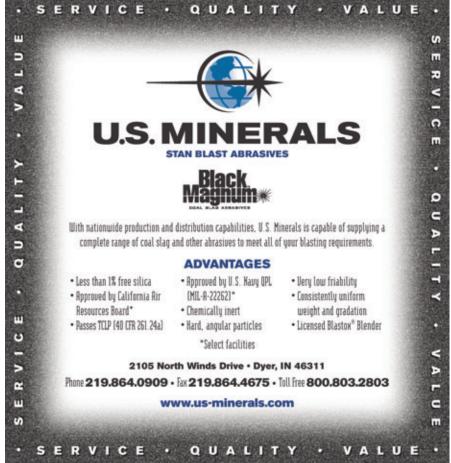
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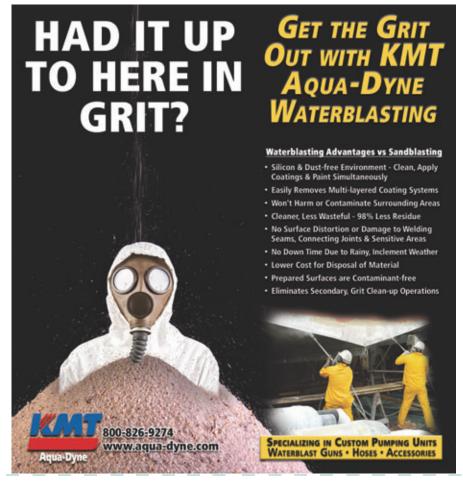
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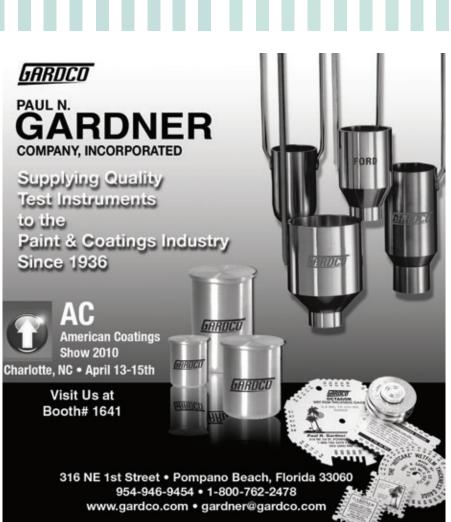
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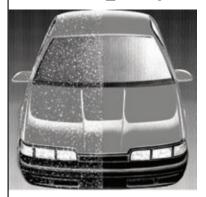
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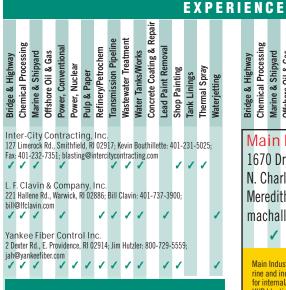
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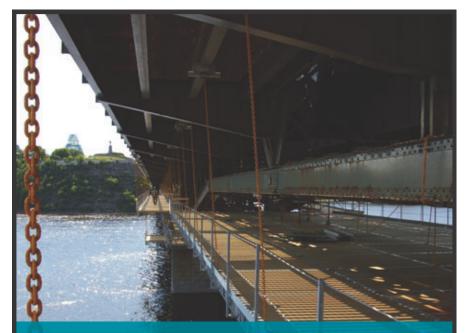
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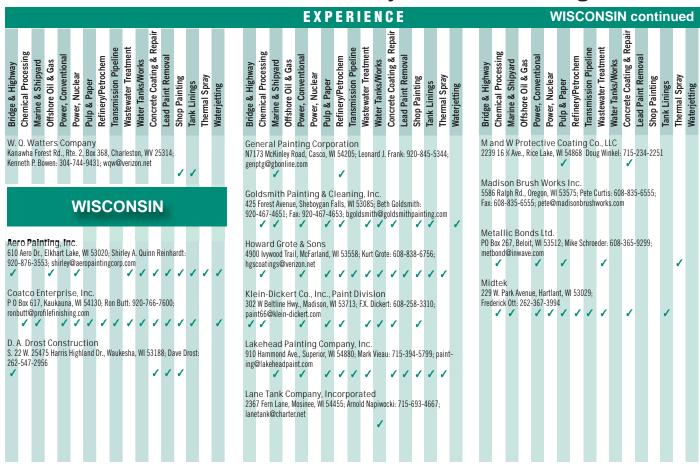
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