Canadian Welding Bureau

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The certification of welding operations to the requirements of CSA Certification Standards is mandated by the National Building Code of Canada, Provincial Building Codes, over thirty other CSA Standards, and many customer specifications. The United States has no code or standard for certification of a company's welding operations. The "International Building Code," published by the International Code Council (ICC) requires either "special inspections" in the fabricating shops to ensure conformance with the approved plans; specifications; workmanship provisions of the building code and standards of quality or fabricator approval. Weld inspection requirements are in accordance with AWS D1.1 "Structural Welding Code".

The Canadian Welding Bureau has been working with building authorities in U.S. states and cities to obtain recognition of the Canadian welding certification system. The recognition waives the need for "special inspections" in the fabrication plants of certified companies. So far, the following U.S. authorities have accepted companies certified by the Canadian Welding Bureau to CSA Standard W47.1 "Certification of Companies for Fusion Welding of Steel":

JURISDICTION	STATE	DATE OF ACCEPTANCE
City of Birmingham	Alabama	November 4, 1999
Inspection Services Dept., Jefferson County	Alabama	January 22, 2002
City of Decatur	Alabama	August 15, 2002
City of Huntsville	Alabama	October 9, 2002
City of Hoover	Alabama	June 2, 2003
County of Riverside	California	October 22, 1996
City of Pasadena	California	May 6, 1997
City of Riverside	California	October 4, 1999
City of Chula Vista	California	December 4, 2000
Contra Costa County	California	November 14, 2002
City of Broomfield	Colorado	August 6, 1998
City of Glenwood Springs	Colorado	August 5, 2002
State of Connecticut	Connecticut	July 27, 1998
Town of Jupiter	Florida	October 16, 2003
Boise	Idaho	August 15, 1995
City of Nampa	Idaho	April 17, 2002
City of Waterloo	Iowa	September 17, 2004
Commonwealth of Kentucky	Kentucky	January 14, 1999
City of Portland	Maine	October 10, 1999
City of Auburn	Maine	October 27, 1999

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Town of Windham	Maine	March 20, 2000
City of Bangor	Maine	June 13, 2001
Town of Cape Elizabeth	Maine	February 9, 2004
City of Saco	Maine	December 3, 2004
State Board of Building Regulations	Massachusetts	June 6, 1996
Michigan Department of Labor, Bureau of Construction Codes	Michigan	February 20, 1996
Department of Codes Administration, City of Kansas City	Missouri	February 26, 1996
City of Gladstone	Missouri	September 29, 2003
Montana Department of Commerce	Montana	October 22, 1997
Clark County	Nevada	June 23, 1994
Carson City	Nevada	March 16, 1995
City of Portsmouth	New Hamp- shire	August 14, 2000
Town of Hooksett	New Hamp- shire	August 28, 2001
City of Concord	New Hamp- shire	August 20, 2002
State of New Jersey	New Jersey	October 25, 2000
Regulation & Licensing Department (Construction Industries Division)	New Mexico	November 28, 2006
City of Bismarck	North Dakota	April 21, 1995
City of Columbus	Ohio	June 19, 1995
City of Portland* *Acceptance of A660 "Certification of Manufacturers of Steel Building Systems" only.	Oregon	June 14, 1996
City of Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	June 20, 1995
Building Code Standards Committee	Rhode Island	February 10, 1997
City of Rapid City	South Dakota	February 20, 2002
Metropolitan Department of Codes Administration of Nashville	Tennessee	March 1, 2006
Knox County Code Administration and Inspection Department	Tennessee	August 3, 2006
City of Abilene	Texas	April 21, 1998
City of Dallas	Texas	August 15, 1998

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City of Fort Worth - Development Dept.	Texas	October 12, 1998
City of Plano	Texas	September 16, 2002
City of Carrollton	Texas	May 2, 2003
Salt Lake City Corporation	Utah	October 26, 1998
Draper City	Utah	September 26, 2001
City of Sandy City	Utah	October 1,2003
Park City	Utah	March 8, 2004
Department of Labor and Industry, Fire Prevention Division	Vermont	May 9, 1995
Arlington County	Virginia	December 12, 1996
City of Roanoke	Virginia	November 10, 1998
City of Newport News	Virginia	September 14, 2000
County of Bedford	Virginia	June 17, 2003
City of Seattle	Washington	August 13, 1998
City of Yakima	Washington	August 2, 2005
State of Wyoming	Wyoming	October 15, 1996

It is important to note that the fabricator of structural steel is still required to comply with all other requirements of the applicable building code, and those of the local building authority, and submit a certificate of compliance. Many building authorities have emphasized the need to check the requirements of the local building code jurisdiction at the bidding stages - not when the steel has arrived at its final destination. If contemplating work in any of the above jurisdictions, please check with the CWB since some of the authorities listed above have special conditions. As the acceptance process is continuous, more authorities will be added to the list.