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A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats and Quality of all Protective Coating Applications

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John F Kennedy said “A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats”, and that is the precise intention of the new NACE International Institute’s Contractors Accreditation Program (NIICAP). Developed by industry for industry, NIICAP was just released recently is an accreditation program for coating contractor firms that work to earn the NIICAP stamp by successfully completing rigorous audits to demonstrate that, they, as contractors are capable of performing quality industrial coating applications via self-management and self-regulation. This is similar to the idea of a company having the ISO 9001 quality management certification. The Oversight Board consisting of mainly Owners, Consultants and Contractors, with a main goal to raise the stature of the entire industry by focussing on quality assurance at the company level, like when an asset owner has to pre-screen contractors. Other benefits are risk management, owner liability management and overall improved economics of scale, while this is fully applicable to all industries.