



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Construction Quality Management (CQM) for Contractors Course Overview

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General Information. This program has been updated as of January 21, 2021. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) requires the contractor's Quality Control Managers to attend the "Construction Quality Management for Contractors" (CQM-C) course and obtain a Certificate of Completion before being allowed to perform their quality control responsibilities outlined in the contract. Certificates of Completion are valid for five years from the date of course completion.

Certification. Certification of contractor's Quality Control Managers is obtained through successful completion of the CQM-C course. Contractor personnel who meet all other requirements for designation as a Quality Control Manager but have not obtained a CQM-C certificate due to COVID-19 restrictions shall be permitted to serve as Quality Control Managers conditioned upon obtaining a CQM-C certificate within 120 days of USACE lifting current in-person learning restrictions.

Recertification. Recertification of contractor's Quality Control Managers is obtained through successful completion of the CQM-C course. Contractor personnel who possessed a valid, unexpired, CQM-C certificate on 1 Mar 2020 are required to obtain their recertification within 6-months of USACE lifting current in-person learning restrictions.

Program Description:

This program is held VIRTUALLY via ZOOM. The instructor is Larry J. Smith, PE, CCM who is certified by the Sacramento District CQM Course Manager to present this training. The LIVE online training class uses PowerPoint presentation, workbook exercises with discussion, quizzes, case study exercises, a homework assignment, Pre-Test, & Final Exam. The course offers prospective quality control managers / representatives the opportunity to satisfy the CQM training requirement specified in most Corps and NAVFAC construction contracts and must be taken and passed by any contractor aspiring to do work for us on projects of roughly \$1 million or more, within 45 calendar days after contract award.

Requirements for Certification:

- There will be 20-minute pre-meeting 3 business days (normally on Friday) at 11:00 am PST prior to training for each class to go over the new program schedule, work out any technical issues and some Q & A regarding the course.
- Participants will be required to print out their own Study Guide *Version Issued: 20 Jan 21* along with new PowerPoint presentation that will be issued by AGC San Diego once registration is completed.
- Participants must be present and attentive at all times during the training with webcams / video turned on. Participants are not allowed to step out to take a phone call or any other business during discussion time. Breaks are included at each hour where personal business can be handled.
- Students must complete and submit to the instructor all in class assignments. A total of 15 quizzes will be given during the time class is in session.
- Participants must score a minimum of **70%** on the closed book, closed note Final Exam for certification. The Final Exam will only be offered **one time** during this class.