

# MEMO

**TO:** IAS Accreditation Committee

**FROM:** Raj Nathan, IAS President

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Criteria for Inspection Practices of Metal Building Assemblers, (AC478).

As required by Clause 4.2.2 of the IAS Rules of Procedure – Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Committee Meeting (“Rules”), proposed revisions to AC478 were posted on the IAS website on August 5, 2023, for public review and comments. Clause 4.2.3 of the Rules allows interested parties to deliver written comments to IAS within approximately 30 days of such posting. IAS staff is required to inform the committee of all pertinent written communications received by IAS regarding the proposed criteria.

Since the posting of the Criteria, IAS received the attached feedback from Interested Parties and Applicants on the proposed criteria:

This letter was provided by one company during the leadup to the committee meeting. IAS staff has reviewed this comment and intends to make the recommendation during the committee meeting on October 4, 2023.

Should IAS receive further comments between now and the committee hearing, those shall be appropriately forwarded to the committee. As always, interested parties may also participate at the committee meeting, and shall have the opportunity to speak on the proposed criteria.

\*\*\*End\*\*\*



IAS Accreditation Committee  
International Accreditation Service  
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Re: Proposed AC-478 Metal Building Assemblers Revisions

Dear Madam or Sir,

Hance Construction, Inc. was an early adopter and continues to be a staunch supporter of AC-478 Accreditation. We believe and have seen proof that this program elevates the safety and quality of Metal Building Assembly Practices.

As the pool of companies seeking accreditation has increased, there is a concern that some applicants with less than acceptable safety and business records are seeking accreditation. As an accredited company owner, I fully support someone looking to improve. What these changes allow IAS to do is identify companies that need time to put the steps required for accreditation into practice. A company with a poor safety record or unsatisfied customers puts both AC-478 and IAS in a bad light. These changes are suggested to help bring these companies up to the level always envisioned for an Accredited Assembler.

We look forward to your approval of these changes and I stand ready at any time to discuss how we can continue to collaboratively improve AC-478 and the Accreditation process.

Sincerely,

Hance Construction, inc.

Arthur E. Hance  
President

