

Sukup Earns AC472 Certification

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Sukup Metal Buildings Division earns AC472 quality certification

SHEFFIELD, Iowa -- Sukup Manufacturing Co.'s new Metal Buildings Division has been certified by the International Accreditation Service for meeting rigorous quality standards of the AC472 metal buildings design and manufacturing accreditation program.

The certification, which was awarded in late June following a three-day audit in May, verifies that the company has the personnel, organization, procedures and equipment to consistently produce high-quality pre-engineered metal buildings.

Auditor Sandi McCracken, senior officer of IAS, examined the entire quality management system, including purchasing, training, process control, inspection and testing.

"The depth of this audit was remarkable. It's a great credit to employees of our new Metal Buildings Division that we were able to pass the audit so soon after launching this new product line," said Charles Sukup, president of Sukup Manufacturing.

"It took the expertise of all of our departments working together -- Engineering, Fabricating, Welding and Sales," said Steve Sukup, chief financial officer of the family-owned company. "We relied on our 50 years of manufacturing experience."

He also credited David Fulton of Farabaugh Engineering & Testing for help in preparing for the audit.

AC472 certification allows Sukup to bid on government projects and private commercial and industrial projects that require certification, said Jim Shipley, metal buildings product coordinator at Sukup.

Sukup Quality Engineer Ben Furleigh said the AC472 program is similar to the ISO 9000 standard but is tailored to the metal building industry. Close to 800 hours of time was invested by the project team at Sukup to ensure that all elements of the standards were met, he said.

Besides assuring quality to customers, AC472 certification serves contractors, architects, code officials and building owners, Furleigh said, by expediting the building approval process. The certification shows that Sukup's Metal Buildings Division, which was launched in 2011, has met design, fabrication and quality-assurance standards.

McCracken said AC472 is a valuable third-party verification that a metal building manufacturer meets quality standards and is competent to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks.

She noted that accreditation has been used for more than 50 years as the definitive means of evaluating organizations. It is now used by all major economies globally and many developing economies.

IAS is a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that assesses and accredits metal building manufacturers, fabricators, special inspection agencies, building departments, testing laboratories and product certification agencies. To learn more about IAS Accreditation, please visit www.iasonline.org, call toll-free 1-866-427-4422, or e-mail info@iasonline.org.

Sukup launched its Metal Buildings Division in 2011 by manufacturing the components of a 200-x-510-foot building at its headquarters in Sheffield, Iowa. The company began manufacturing buildings for outside customers late in 2011. Sizes range from a 2,000-square-foot agricultural building to a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing building.

Sukup Manufacturing Co. is a family-owned business that has been providing top-quality products to agricultural producers since 1963.

Sukup is the fastest-growing bin manufacturer in the world. Its product line includes farm and commercial grain bins, portable and tower dryers, centrifugal and axial fans and heaters, stirring machines, bin unloading equipment and bin floors and supports.

Sukup also makes a line of material handling equipment that includes bucket elevators, drag conveyors and chain loop conveyors. Sukup products are sold throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as in more than 50 other countries.