



Gold Seal Update – Fall, 2008

Gold Seal Managed Projects

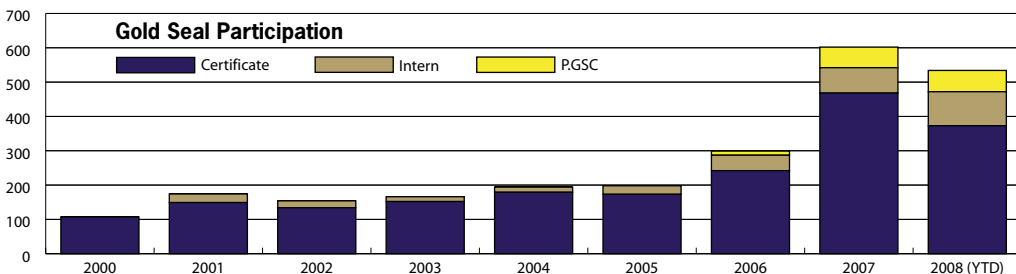
- On July 23rd the Calgary Construction Association hosted a major Gold Seal celebration, making a formal announcement of the \$1.2 billion dollar South Health Campus as a Gold Seal Managed Project. The MOU was signed by Barry Young, President of the Calgary Construction Association, Scott Thompson, GSC, of EllisDon (the Prime GC), Mr. Ken Chiang, GSC, representing the Calgary Health Region (CHR), and John Schubert, P.GSC, Chairman of the National Gold Seal Program. The event received excellent media coverage from CBC and Global Television.



- Manitoba's first Gold Seal Managed Project is up and running with an agreement between Bockstael Construction, the Winnipeg Construction Association and Red River College. The partners will encourage certification of all managers involved in the construction of the College's Heavy Equipment Transportation Centre and draw on the agreement to show off the skills and experience of Gold Seal certified personnel.

Experience Requirement to Increase

Citing "a tremendous increase in the scope and complexity of construction management challenges", John Schubert, P.GSC, CCA Gold Seal Committee Chair, announced this summer that the minimum experience level for Gold Seal certification will move to 5 years beginning January 1, 2009. "Technical knowledge, new building and management techniques, regulatory compliance and safety and environmental legislation have introduced challenges we had never heard of in the past – today's managers are forced to be at the top of their game", said Schubert. Applications received before January 1, 2009, will not be affected.



Gold Seal Certifications Heading for Another Record

With one exam remaining in 2008, Gold Seal certifications stand at 534, compared to a total of 600 in 2007. Applications for the Professional, Gold Seal Certified (P.GSC) designation have increased substantially over last year.

GSC by Discipline - 2008 YTD

General	119
Mechanical	17
Electrical	15
RB	32
Specialty	82

Since the program inception in 1993 General Contracting has been the predominant discipline in Gold Seal certification. While this trend has continued over the past few years, the Specialty Trades have shown a marked growth in interest. The Road Building section has shown some slow growth.

GSC by Occupation - 2008 YTD

PM	103
Super	74
Estimator	36
CSC	51

Traditionally Project Managers have formed the core of Gold Seal applicants. In the past three years a much larger share of program activity has come from Superintendents in all disciplines. The popularity of the Construction Safety Coordinator designation has been strong since its release in early 2007.