FCIA Firestop Industry Conference
San Diego, California
November 2011
Today:

- 25 Firestop Contractor Firms now Qualified
- 4 New Contractors Qualified in 2011
- 157 Individual Contractor Reps. Passed DRI Exam (representing 101 companies)
- 10 UL Qualified Auditors
2011 Qualified Contractors

Thomas J. Donnelly Inc.
Firetek Construction Services LLC
Cardinal Services Inc.

Firestop Technologies Inc. (Knoxville)

DRI
Donald Donnelly Jr.
Kurt Hansen
Aaron Mueller
Michael Hayden
Mike Reynolds
Demand for the Program

Currently includes the UL Qualified Contractor Program as a specification

- Architects include as a specification in project requirements
- General Contractors use as a means to identify and select Contractors
- Authorities use as a means to identify specialty contractors
What is UL doing to Promote the Program?

UL’s Regulatory Services educating AHJs on:
- Proper design, installation, inspection and maintenance of firestop systems is critical to fire and life safety in buildings
- Value of UL tested and listed systems
- Value of Qualified Firestop Contractor Program
Benefits to Stakeholders

- **Building Owner**
- **Architects**
- **Engineers**
- **General Contractors**
- **Building Inspectors**

**UL’s Contractor Program:**

- Increases confidence in the installation Contractor that materials are installed to requirements.
- Differentiates specialty Contractors utilizing management system processes to provide consistent installations that meet requirements.

- **Firestop Systems Installation Contractors**
UL Qualified Contractor Program Requires:

- Management System (MS) specifically focused on the proper selection and installation of firestop systems so that knowledge is applied throughout the Contractor firm as evidenced by audit of Contractor’s MS

- Demonstrated knowledge of selection and installation of firestop systems as evidenced by written exam of a “Designated Responsible Individual” (DRI)
Steps to Achieve Qualification:

Requirements - Review & understand the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements

Checklist - Review the Checklist & conduct a self-assessment of your management system.

Exam - DRI completes and successfully passes UL exam.

Apply - Complete and return an Application.

Quote & Contracts - We send you a quote and a contract.

Discuss - Discuss with UL Auditor any questions on requirements, checklist and your management system.
Steps to Achieve Qualification:

**Preparation** – Formulate a Management System Manual describing how the contractor organization has implemented the UL program requirements. – Cover all “shall”

**DRI Audit & Management Review** – Completed and recorded prior to UL audit.

**Audit** – We schedule and conduct the audit of your facility and job sites.

**Qualification Achieved** – Your firm added to list of Qualified Contractors; you are authorized to use the UL Certificate & Marking
Qualified contractor programs

The qualified contractor programs provide architects, authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), general contractors, manufacturers, building owners and others with a way to identify contractors that comply with the qualified contractor program requirements.

For many years, UL has been classifying firestops and spray-applied fire resistive materials (SFRMs) and listing them in UL Fire Resistance Directory. Now, through the UL qualified contractor program, UL provides the industry with a way to identify contractor firms involved in the installation of firestops and SFRMs that have been assessed by an independent third party. In Canada, UL’s affiliate Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) also provides a wide range of certification services including certifying and listing firestops in the Canadian Fire Resistance Directory. Firestop contractors interested in coverage for Canada can do so through ULC’s qualified firestop contractor program.
Qualified firestop contractor programs

UL has two qualified firestop contractor programs for contractors that install firestop systems:

- UL qualified firestop contractor program
- ULC qualified firestop contractor program

The two programs vary only in knowledge requirements related to the difference between U.S. and Canadian codes and standards.

The firestop industry is a subset of the building industry that serves residential, institutional, commercial and industrial structures. The industry addresses the common need to limit the hazardous spread and damaging effects of fire. Firestopping involves providing a measure of fire containment to the walls and floors that includes joints, gaps or penetrations made during construction. Firestop contractors must choose and install firestop systems carefully and effectively to establish a protective system for a joint, gap or penetration within a structure to comply with architectural, authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) and customer requirements.
Qualified Contractor Program

UL qualified contractors list

UL has qualification programs for contractors that install firestop systems and spray-applied fire-resistant materials. These qualification programs require a designated responsible individual knowledgeable in the selection and installation of these systems, and a management system that has been effectively implemented and maintained. For a list of contractors who have met these requirements, see the appropriate page below:

- UL qualified firestop contractors -- USA
- UL qualified firestop contractors -- Canada
- UL qualified SFRM contractors
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Last Updated on 2010-11-08
2012 Initiatives:

- Continue exploratory discussions on the addition of a building certification program.
- 3-year revision of firestop examination.
- Update checklist and program procedure.
- Maintain and expand auditor resources.
Questions?