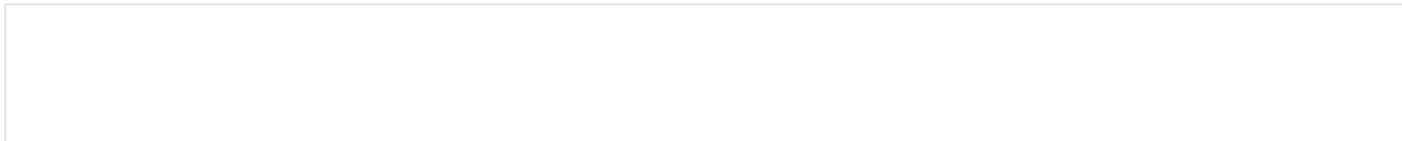




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## Galvanizing Innovations

### To Certify or Not to Certify

A question that is often posed to the American Galvanizers Association (AGA) is why there isn't an industry certification program for hot-dip galvanizers. The AGA and our members have long maintained the "certification" is in meeting the tenets in *ASTM A123 Standard Specification for Zinc (Hot-Dip Galvanized) Coatings on Iron and Steel Products*.

However, in recent years, there has been more push and discussion about developing an independent certification program, particularly from the bridge and highway market.

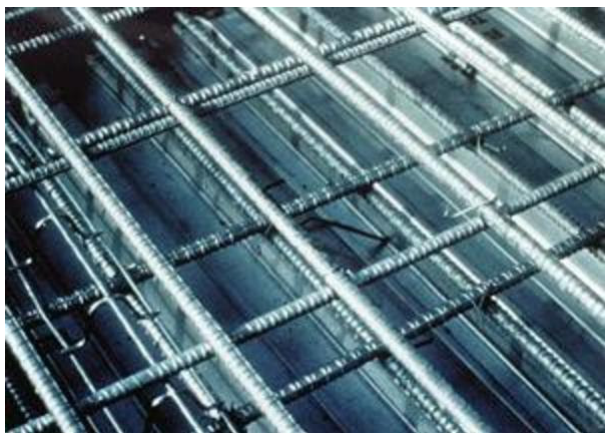
This is understandable considering the commonality of certification programs within the bridge market, and publically-funded projects. On the other hand, would a certification program actually accomplish the intended goal?



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## Ask Dr. Galv



### Q: Should Steel Reinforcing Bar be Bent Before or After HDG?

A: Hot-dip galvanized (HDG) steel reinforcing bars can either be bent prior to galvanizing or after the coating has been applied. Regardless, there are considerations the designer and/or specifier should review to determine whether bending before or after hot-dip galvanizing is preferred for a particular application.

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## Quarterly Case Studies

### North Country Community Recreation Center

#### Colbrook, NH

The North Country Community Recreation Center is home to a plethora of fitness and recreation activities, including wintertime ice skating and hockey games. The regulation rink is outdoors and exposed to extreme New England weather all-year around. In such an environment, the recreation center chose to protect its investment with hot-dip galvanizing on all its exposed steel.



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