



SMA Accreditation

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APPLICATION

Municipality/Affiliation: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

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Address: _____

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Send application to:
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245 Pier Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
USA

- 1. Program must have at least one ISA Certified Municipal Specialist on staff.**

Provide Certificate Number(s): _____

- 2. Program must have a Local Forest Master Plan approved by appropriate local body.**

Provide a copy of the plan and approval resolution/endorsement.

- 3. Program must be a current Tree City USA or equivalent outside U.S. (this criterion must be maintained annually to maintain Accreditation).** *Provide copy of current Tree City USA certificate or equivalent document requirements.*

- 4. Program must have a NADF Growth Award, or equivalent outside USA, in at least one of the past five years.**

Provide copy of a Growth Award or award documentation, or equivalent 10 points requirement documentation outside USA.

- 5. Program must show preference to TCIA Accredited tree care companies when private arborists are contracted.**

Describe how preference is designated in the master plan or equivalent. At a minimum, the plan should designate TCIA Accreditation as a tiebreaker in awarding contracts.

- 6. Program must incorporate ANSI Z133.1 safety standards, or equivalent outside USA.**

Describe how ANSI Z133.1 safety standards are addressed in the master plan. Minimum proof of incorporation of the safety standards is demonstrated by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. Incorporation of Z133.1 safety standards into general safety program and/or policies.

2. Proof of training of employees to follow Z133.1 safety standards, such as training session schedule/documentation.

3. Submit at least five unique digital photos of crews performing various aspects of tree care operations in compliance with Z133.1 safety standards. The five pictures must include at least one of chain saw use and one of an aerial operation (such as tree climbing or using an aerial lift).

- 7. Program must incorporate ANSI A300 tree care performance standards, or equivalent standards outside USA.**

Describe how ANSI A300 Tree Care Performance Standards are addressed in the master plan. Minimum proof of incorporation of the tree care performance standards is demonstrated by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. Direct incorporation of A300 performance standards in the master plan as a general compliance statement, or in specific sections such as bidding, training, performance, or quality control.

2. Proof of training of employees to follow A300 Performance Standards, such as training session schedule/documentation.

3. At least five unique digital photos of recent community pruning jobs in compliance with ANSI A300 standards.

The five pictures must include at least one large tree pruning and one small tree pruning.

- 8. Program must pledge adherence to the SMA Code of Ethics and to promote SMA objectives.**

Provide a copy of the Code of Ethics pledge letter signed by an authorized individual.

Put your local forest resources in good hands for future generations to enjoy.