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## PDCA Board Approves New PDCA Industry Standard, P18-08

PDCA is pleased to announce that the PDCA Board of Directors approved a new PDCA Industry Standard P18-08, at the Mid-Year Board of Director's meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri on August 22, 2008.

One of the most important roles PDCA plays in the paint and coatings industry is in the area of Industry Standards development. PDCA Industry Standard P18-08 is entitled "**Recommended Protocol for Documenting Extra Work to a Contract.**"

The purpose of this standard is to define criteria for the documentation of extra work to a contract for painting and decorating.

PDCA is committed to education and training, and great emphasis is placed on understanding the importance of how to use each Industry Standard. PDCA will also encourage the use of PDCA Industry Standards in all contractor work. By implementing Industry Standards, both in contracts and in practical application, a clear differentiation is created between a professional contractor and all others. Using these Industry Standards serves the interests of consumers and contractors alike.

PDCA now boasts 18 Industry Standards, which are available for download on the PDCA website at [www.pdca.org](http://www.pdca.org). The new P18-08 Standard will be available on the website September 12<sup>th</sup>. All subscribers to the PDCA Industry Standards Presentation Binder will receive annual updates, which includes copies of any new or revised standards approved that year.

PDCA, founded in 1884, represents the interests of independent professional painting and decorating contractors. Among the most prominent objectives of PDCA are the enhancement and business development of the painting and decorating profession and industry.

Today, PDCA represents the interests of owners and top-flight managers from painting and decorating firms across the U.S. and Canada.

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