



The IFCA Peer Group program is designed to provide a forum for small groups of custom coater owners & executives to exchange valuable information that can help improve your business and operational practices. By committing to two regular meetings throughout the year, Peer Group members share best practices and experiences that help custom coater members elevate their business to the next level.

Hear from current IFCA Peer Group members on the value of the program:

We received excellent feedback from the audit and had great conversations during the meetings and dinners learning about new equipment, tools, and methods, as well as discussing common struggles and solutions. Having the ability to peek behind the curtain of our Peers' operations has been extremely valuable. Even between these semi-annual meetings, **the network we've created** through the years has been an excellent resource and sounding board.

Director of Powder Coating Operations
Zephyr Products, Inc.

One of the biggest benefits is the opportunity to visit shops and participate in the audit. It was extremely valuable to exchange best practices with the group and to **identify improvement opportunities** that I plan to implement at my facility. The collaboration, open discussions, and constructive feedback from peers were truly the most impactful takeaways for me.

VP of Operations
Maas Brothers Powder Coating

The biggest value for me is the rare opportunity to tour and discuss **real-world coating operations in other professional shops** — from pretreatment and application techniques to curing, inspection, and packaging. Equally valuable are the open conversations about the rapidly changing business landscape, which left me with new perspectives and practical ideas we have already started implementing.

General Manager
AR Iron, LLC



I find it interesting to see the different processing methods at other facilities. I've seen **things I have never seen before**. It's also interesting to see the different industries as our company is basically 100% automotive. My eyes were opened to all the other types of opportunities for coaters. It will be interesting when we host the group for others to see how the automotive industry operates.

Manufacturing Manager
Albar Industries Inc.

This has been **the very best thing I've done for my business**. This is where I come to work on my business, not in it.

President
Pacific Powder Coating

The biggest takeaway for me is hearing **different perspectives on common challenges**. I also appreciate the practical tips shared by others.

Operations Manager
A-1 Paint Powder and Sandblasting LLC



It's nice to know that it doesn't really matter what part of the country you are from, we all seem to have some of the same issues we are working through. It's good to hear how others are handling these types of situations, and I believe **we can all help solve some of each other's concerns**. It is also very nice to form these new relationships with others from all over the country that we would otherwise not have.

Production Supervisor
Keystone Coating

It was great seeing how another facility ran their powder coat operation and **looking at the whole organization and the operations of the company**. I learned a great deal from talking with others on issues that we are having at our facility, and they gave me some great information that I could bring back and try. It was a great experience for me to see another plant in operation and visit with very experienced powder coaters. Can't wait for the next one!

Maintenance Manager
Full Vision, Inc.



I gained the opportunity to **exchange practical insights** and learn from others' experiences. I found the discussions very helpful and applicable to my work.

Shop Foreman
Americana Industrial Coatings

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