



American Subcontractors Association, Inc.
NEWS RELEASE

**1004 Duke Street • Alexandria, VA 22314-3588 • www.asaonline.com
Telephone: 703.684.3450 • Fax: 703.836.3482 • e-mail: ASAoffice@asa-hq.com**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 15, 2002

Contact: David Mendes
dmendes@asa-hq.com
(703) 684-3450, ext. 1335

ASA Endorses National Crane Operator Certification Program

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—On June 8, 2002, the American Subcontractors Association (ASA) endorsed the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators' (NCCCO) crane operator certification program. ASA's board of directors voted unanimously to endorse the program, which qualifies, certifies and re-certifies applicants on the basis of their knowledge and skill operating cranes.

“ASA believes that NCCCO's crane operator certification program offers excellent professional development recognition to specialty trade contractors and employees who work with cranes,” said 2002-03 ASA President Anne Bigane Wilson, CPC, PE, president of Bigane Paving Company, Chicago, Ill. “ASA supports the goals of professionalism and safety that this certification program represents.”

“NCCCO is delighted to receive the endorsement of its national crane operator certification program by the American Subcontractors Association,” said NCCCO President Ronald Schad. Schad is president of Essex Crane Rental Corp., Buffalo Grove, Ill. “This is a real opportunity to provide wider access to both the NCCCO written and practical examinations, and we are excited about working with ASA and its many members both at the national and regional level.”

NCCCO, based in Fairfax, Va., aims to enhance lifting equipment safety, reduce workplace risk, improve performance records, stimulate training, and increase industry recognition of the professional skill of crane operation. The program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and is recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration as meeting crane operator competency requirements.

ASA's Task Force on Professional Development, headed by Pem Eberlein, CPC, of A.P. Eberlein Company, Longmont, Colo., studied and recommended ASA's endorsement of NCCCO's crane operator certification program.

(MORE)

“NCCCO’s certification program exemplifies the high standards the task force wants to see in construction certification programs, as it is non-governmental, comprehensively tests the skills required, and is administered independently of training,” said Eberlein.

NCCCO was formed in January 1995 to develop effective performance standards for safe crane operation to assist all segments of construction and general industry. Since NCCCO began testing in April 1996, more than 17,000 crane operators have been tested through over 900 separate test administrations conducted in 46 states. It is the only program to be recognized by federal OSHA as meeting OSHA and American National Standards Institute/American Society of Mechanical Engineers requirements for crane operator competency.

Founded in 1966, ASA serves 5,500 member companies and is dedicated to improving general business conditions for all subcontractors through unified and cooperative actions. ASA’s vision is to be the united voice dedicated to improving the business environment in the construction industry. ASA provides its members with advocacy, leadership, education and networking.

###

EDITORS’ NOTE: ASA has endorsed six certification programs to date: the Certified Professional Constructor program of the American Institute of Constructors Constructor Certification Commission, St. Petersburg, Fla.; the Quality Certification program of the Architectural Woodwork Institute, Reston, Va.; the Architectural Hardware Consultant and Certified Door Consultant programs of the Door and Hardware Institute, Chantilly, Va.; NCCCO’s crane operator certification program; and the Masonry Certification program of the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute, Denver, Colo.

For more information about these programs, contact the sponsoring organizations directly or contact ASA Director of Communications David Mendes by e-mail: dmendes@asa-hq.com, or telephone: (703) 684-3450, ext. 1335.