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Practical Examiner Accreditation

Have you thought about becoming accredited to administer the Rigger Level II practical certification exams? NCCCO has just scheduled two Rigger Level II Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops (in addition to the one scheduled at CONEXPO!).

April 4-6 in West Monroe, LA May 19-20 in Richmond, CA

Support Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of **Crane Operators** gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

Dear Tara,

This month in CCOnline, NCCCO's CONEXPO preparations are in full swing (the show is just over a month away), but it isn't too late to register for written or practical CCO exams being administered at the show or sign up for Practical Examiner Accreditation Program Workshops that will take place before, during, and after and during the exhibition. Learn how NCCCO has been working to help the industry help understand and comply with the OSHA rule. Find out about NCCCO stringent adherence to test integrity through monitoring exam performance statistics and the Code of Ethics. Also see how the U.S. Armed Forces rely on CCO-certified operators to pursue their mission in Afghanistan.

We hope to see you at CONEXPO!

NCCCO Sponsors Construction Safety Challenge



For the first time at CONEXPO, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) will be a sponsor of the Construction

Challenge.

"With the average age of the construction worker now 52 years," said NCCCO President, John M. Kennedy, "there is a clear need to attract new blood into the workforce." And with the large number of baby boomer retirements, it's a problem that's getting worse. "Research indicates that the construction industry needs to add one million jobs by 2012, added Kennedy.

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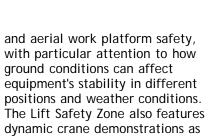
Discover How Ground Conditions Can Affect Crane and Aerial Work Safety

Brand new at CONEXPO this year, and sure to attract much interest from crane operators and safety professionals alike, is the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ). Located in Silver Lot 4 (S-19722) and open throughout CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2011, the Lift Safety Zone is geared toward crane

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well as industry experts who can discuss crane and aerial work platform safety in general and answer specific safety questions.

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NCCCO to Offer Exams, Examiner Workshops at CONEXPO

New candidates and existing certificants alike will be given an



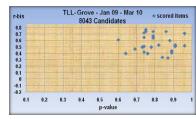
opportunity to take a wide variety of CCO written, practical and recertification exams at CONEXPO to be held in March in Las Vegas, NV. Additionally, practical examiner workshops for all programs will be conducted onsite for the first time.

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Management Committees Continually Monitor Test Performance Statistics

To ensure its certification exams remain relevant and address the latest technological and regulatory developments, NCCCO maintains Exam Management Committees for each of its certification programs. Examination committee members are all industry subject matter experts (SMEs) and must meet specific



requirements. All are carefully selected by NCCCO committee chairmen and approved by the NCCCO Board of Directors.

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NCCCO Helps Industry Comply with New OSHA Rules

A new area of the website dedicated to helping employers, operators,



riggers, signalpersons, and others from industry better understand the personnel qualification requirements under federal OSHA's new rules for cranes and derricks in construction has been developed.

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NCCCO conducted a webinar on behalf of Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association. Hear the recorded *Crane Operator Certification Webinar*.

Code of Ethics Reflects Certificants' Commitment to Safety

Two key factors that enhance the integrity of CCO exams and certifications are the NCCCO Code of Ethics and the disciplinary procedures in place to address any breaches of this code. The Code of Ethics and subsequent disciplinary procedures were developed by NCCCO staff and Committee members, approved by the NCCCO Commissioners, and ratified by the NCCCO Board of directors.

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Crane Operators at Afghanistan's Bagram Airfield Earn CCO Certification

Eleven crane operators providing U.S. government-contracted services in Afghanistan supporting U.S. Armed Forces earned their CCO Mobile Crane Operator certifications last August, thanks to training and testing services provided by National Crane Training, a division of OSTS, Inc. National Crane Training was brought in under a joint venture established to provide vehicle and equipment maintenance, facilities management, and other services at Bagram Airfield in Parwan province.



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