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NCCCO Teams Up With SC&RA, KHL for Careers Promotion Event

*Lift & Move USA will promote careers in the U.S. crane, rigging
and specialized transport industries*

Fairfax, VA, February 6, 2015—The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), KHL Group and the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) are jointly organizing a new event to promote careers in the U.S. crane, rigging and specialized transportation industries.

Lift & Move USA, to be held in Chicago, June 16-17, will provide high school students and young people studying at community and technical colleges with expert advice on careers and job opportunities working with crane rental companies, specialized transportation businesses and equipment manufacturers.



As the first event of its kind in the U.S. for this industry, *Lift & Move USA* will comprise a two-day program, with sessions on the types of jobs available, expected salaries, career progression, and opportunities for certification, as well as case studies showing the types of activities in which employers are engaged.

Graham Brent, Chief Executive Officer of NCCCO, noted the importance of certification in addressing the industry's skills shortage. "Professionally developed certification can play a key role in encouraging aspiring entrants to the workforce to view crane and rigging as a career," he said. "NCCCO is delighted to help promote all the many benefits that employment in this industry can offer."

Joel Dandrea, Executive Vice President of SC&RA, said he was excited to be involved. "Our industry creates thousands of rewarding jobs every year—jobs that offer the potential for long-term careers," said Dandrea. "*Lift & Move USA* will promote these opportunities to the next generation of employees, highlighting all sorts of jobs, from crane operators, truck drivers and CAD design engineers to mechanics, welders and sales staff."

James King, Managing Director of KHL Group, echoed Dandrea's comments: "KHL is delighted to be involved in *Lift & Move USA*. Recruitment of young staff is crucial to the long-term success of businesses, and this event will provide the U.S. crane, rigging and specialized transport industry with a fantastic shop window for potential employees."

Lift & Move USA has the support of long-time SC&RA member and major crane company in the Chicago area, Imperial Crane. An evening reception will be hosted at Imperial Crane located near the venue hotel, the Chicago Marriott Midway.

Bill Tierney, General Manager of Imperial Crane, stated: "With the critical shortage of skilled labor in our industry, we are pleased and proud to be part of such a worthwhile initiative."

The event is organized in cooperation with **SkillsUSA**, the national organization that helps students prepare for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. More than 300,000 students and teachers join SkillsUSA every year.

Details of the event can be found at the event website: www.liftandmoveUSA.com. Get the latest updates by following [@LiftMoveUSA](https://twitter.com/LiftMoveUSA) on Twitter.

Sponsorship opportunities for Lift & Move USA are available. Contact Matt Burk at (312) 496-3314 or matt.burk@khl.com

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The [National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators \(NCCCO\)](http://www.nccco.org) is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1995 by industry to develop and administer a nationwide program for the certification of crane operators and related personnel. Now in its 20th year of operations, NCCCO has certified more than 110,000 individuals through over 875,000 nationally accredited CCO written and practical examinations, and issued more than 280,000 certifications, representing over 20 certification designations, in all 50 states. For the latest NCCCO news, follow [@NCCCOorg](https://twitter.com/NCCCOorg) on Twitter.