



## National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators

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### NCCCO Acquires Testing Services Operations of IAI

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and International Assessment Institute (IAI) have announced that NCCCO has acquired IAI's operations relating to the testing services for CCO certification programs. Effective August 1, responsibility for CCO candidate processing, test administration, score reporting and related services, historically provided by IAI, was assumed by a newly formed NCCCO subsidiary, NCCCO Services LLC. All IAI staff have accepted employment in NCCCO's new Testing Services Department headed by Marc Hone. Hone, formerly Vice President of IAI, has been appointed Director of Testing Services reporting to Joel Oliva, Director of Operations and Program Development. [Read More](#)

### Video Contest: What CCO Means to Me

Wanted: CCO-certified operators with a story to tell about how being CCO-certified has made a difference in their work.

NCCCO has launched its Video Contest: **What CCO Has Meant to Me** as part of its 20th Anniversary Recognition Program. We're looking for short (one minute or less) video clips of operators who have personally experienced the benefits of being CCO certified. Do you work safer since you got your CCO? Are you a better operator? Are there things you do (or don't do) now that you have been trained and professionally certified? Have you ever been in a situation that you handled differently than you would have before you were certified?

And you could win one of three (3) top prizes of an **all-expenses paid trip to NCCCO's 20th Anniversary Recognition Gala** to be held in the Washington, DC area on October 15. In addition, the first 50 entrants will receive a special, limited edition NCCCO 20th Anniversary ball cap.

So, if you are a CCO-certified operator, what are you waiting for? Whip out your smartphone now and email us a short video of you talking about your experience to [twhittington@nccco.org](mailto:twhittington@nccco.org). And if you know an operator, please let him or her know about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—he or she will thank you for it!



## NCCCO Enters Telecom Industry



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) have announced that they have entered into a professional partnership for the development and administration of nationally accredited certification programs.

A key component of the partnership involves NCCCO's professional consulting assistance in further developing NWSA's various worker certification programs to the ANSI/ISO 17024 accreditation standard, the premier accreditation for personnel certification bodies. NCCCO will also provide test development and administrative services to the NWSA as part of the agreement. [Read More](#)

## Manitowoc Cranes Sponsors CCO Calculators

In support of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators' (NCCCO) policy of providing calculators for certain CCO written exams, Manitowoc Cranes has agreed to provide 10,000 calculators for candidates' use.

"Manitowoc is delighted to show its support of CCO certification programs and the safety benefits that certification brings," said Larry Weyers, President of Manitowoc Cranes.

"This important sponsorship opportunity demonstrates Manitowoc's commitment to NCCCO's primary mission of promoting safe lifting practices." Under the terms of Manitowoc's sponsorship, candidates will be permitted to keep the calculators after completing their exam(s). [Read](#)



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## The National Safety Council Selects NCCCO for Congress

NCCCO has been selected to present a paper at the National Safety Council's annual Congress later this year detailing the "lessons learned" from two decades of crane operator certification. *Credentialing in Construction: What Have 20 Years of National Crane Operator Certification Taught Us?* will be presented by NCCCO CEO Graham Brent on Tuesday, September 29 at the NSC Congress in Atlanta, GA. [Read More](#) [Register to Attend](#)



## Lift Director Qualifications Outlined in Webinar



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) will host a free webinar August 26 designed to educate the industry on the specific requirements for Lift Directors. The value of certification in establishing qualification—and the necessary steps that lead to it—will also be discussed. Among the topics to be covered in the webinar will be the responsibilities of lift directors, why employers need to be sure their lift directors are qualified, how CCO Lift Director certification can serve to demonstrate the competence of lift directors, and the additional career

opportunities certification can provide. [Read More and Register](#)

## Lift Safety Zone Returns to ICUEE

Taking as its theme its 20th anniversary of providing certification services to industry, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) will once again host the Lift Safety Zone at the International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE) to be held this year, September 29 - October 1, in Louisville, KY. In keeping with ICUEE's nickname "The Demo Expo," the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ)—located at N-2009 near the West Wing of the exhibit hall—will feature hands-on demonstrations of NCCCO's internationally accredited (ANSI/ISO) and OSHA-recognized personnel certification exams. [Read More](#)



## Youth Respond to Industry Outreach



The first Lift & Move USA careers event, held this week in Chicago, Illinois, has been deemed an overwhelming success by attendees and organizers. More than 140 delegates attended, including around 100 students and veterans. The two day event—held in Chicago on June 16—17—showed students and veterans the enormous career

opportunities in the cranes, rigging, and specialized transportation industry. The organizers were the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), KHL Group, and the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). [Read More](#)

### Commissioner Profile: Kenneth J. Shinn Jr.

A fourth-generation crane operator, Kenneth J. Shinn, Jr. ("Kenny") was born into the crane business and has spent the last 45 years in the industry full time. He started operating cranes in 1970 as a member of IUOE Local 825—and is still a dues-paying Gold Card member. But his experience goes far beyond just being an operator; since 1980 he's also been involved with crane and lift equipment rentals, sales, service, inspection, maintenance, training, certification, consulting, and just about anything else that can be done with cranes. He's currently manager of ACIS-Cranex LLC, which provides crane operator training and testing, and president of K.J. Shinn Inc., which provides accident investigation and expert witness testimony. [Read More](#)



### NCCCO Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following company that has just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP Companies have demonstrated that they are Committed to Crane Safety by employing CCO Certified personnel. You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.

- [Maxim Crane Works, LP](#), Wilder, KY



### Training Providers - Do You Offer Training in Spanish?

Did you know that CCO mobile crane exams are now available in Spanish? As a result, more and more candidates are requesting training in Spanish. If your company is currently listed as a training provider and offers training for Mobile Crane Operators in Spanish please email [Tara Whittington](#) so we can update your listing. If your company isn't currently listed as a training provider but you would like to be, please [complete this form](#).

## This Month in CCO History . . . 2003

After rigorous scrutiny by insurance underwriters, CCO certification is recognized as being an effective risk mitigation tool, qualifying employers of CCO certified operators for premium discounts - an industry first. It is to be one of many incentives for participation in CCO programs that will lead to an ever-increasing preference by plants and project owners for professionally developed, independent—and therefore legally-defensible—CCO certification.

### Did You Know?



Once a CCO Certification program launches, the work doesn't stop there. NCCCO's 10 exam management committees meet multiple times a year to review exam content, assess individual exam question performance, review standards and OSHA regulations to ensure exams are current, and review all questions and comments submitted to the committee in relation to exam questions. The constant and hard work of the volunteer Subject Matter Experts that make up the Committees ensure CCO Certification exams remain fair, valid and reliable, as they have been for the past 20 years.

### From the Seat: Mike Carpenter of Lamar Talks Certification

Mike Carpenter has been in the sign business since 1986, and he's worked for Lamar Advertising—the country's largest outdoor advertising company—for the past 22 years. He's currently foreman of a Lamar construction crew that installs and upgrades digital and traditional signs and billboards all over the southeast. As part of his daily work, Mike operates two boom trucks: a 28-ton Altec and a 23.5-ton Terex. Mike enjoys the status and responsibility that being a CCO-certified crane operator brings. Because of his crane operating expertise and CCO certifications, Lamar has encouraged him to become an instructor and NCCCO Mobile Crane Operator Practical Examiner. [Read More](#)



### Employer Quote of the Month



"Through training and the CCO Certification program, our operators gain experience in the ability to identify hazards or unsafe conditions on the jobsite among many other aspects of safe crane operations. Our operators

have been recognized numerous times by many of our customers for observing unsafe conditions and making corrective action suggestions which ultimately leads to safely and efficiently completing the task. CCO certification is immeasurable in its effects on accident/incident prevention." **Troy Wagner, Vice President of Safety**

### NCCCO's 20th Anniversary: What's Your Story?

It's 20 years since NCCCO was founded and we'd like you to help us tell our story. If CCO certification has had an impact on you or your company we'd like to know about

it. To start, just tell us briefly [here](#) what you'd like to share, and if you'd like us to follow up with you about it. We'll be offering special, limited edition CCO merchandise for any stories we use.

## CCO By the Numbers

Number of paper/pencil  
Written Test  
Administrations  
scheduled in the 20 years  
NCCCO has been  
offering professionally  
developed certification

# 20,000

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Sincerely,

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