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ANSI Grants NCCCO Continued Accreditation

After a thorough onsite audit of its certification procedures and psychometric protocols, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has granted NCCCO continued accreditation for its more than 20 crane and crane-related personnel certifications. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Fee Restructuring

Visit the Lift Safety Zone at booth N2212 during ICUEE in Louisville, KY, October 1-3, 2019. As well as having live demonstrations and industry experts on hand, attendees will have the opportunity to take any of NCCCO's written certification exams on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Hurry and [register for the show](#) for as little as \$39 using the NCCCO exclusive discount promo code **EXd98gurCST**; prices go up soon! For information on taking NCCCO certification exams during the show, contact the Test Site Coordinator, Kim Qualls at kqualls@nccco.org or 727-449-8525 ext. 487.



Commissioner Spotlight: Joe Bob Williams



Since 1973, Joel Robert Williams - Joe Bob, as most people know him - has been involved with cranes as well as efforts to improve safe working practices. He started in the 1960s, operating a digger derrick truck for the regional telephone company, GTE. In 1973, upon returning from a tour of duty in the Vietnam War, where he was part of the First Cavalry Division and was awarded a Bronze Medal, he joined Exxon Mobil as a rigger. He's never looked back. [Read More](#)

We Have a Winner!



Congratulations to our **Four-Star CCO Recertificant winner**, Lyle Zabel of Winneconne, WI, who has won a **Terex Superlift 3800 Crawler** crane model. Lyle was chosen randomly from among the respondents to the latest survey sent out to CCO-certified operators who have recertified four times. Thanks to Terex Cranes for generously donating the model crane.



Labor Day Office Closure



NCCCO offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. All offices will reopen at 8:30am in their respective time zones on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. We hope you have the opportunity to spend time with loved ones and reflect on your accomplishments and contributions in the industry and workforce.

Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become an NCCCO Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop.

[Practical Examiner Refresher - Operator Programs](#): September 16, Mishawaka, IN

[Articulating Boom Crane/Loader](#): September 19 - 20, Mishawaka, IN

[Drill Rig Operator](#): September 25 - 27, Salt Lake City, UT



CCO By The Numbers

1,500,000

Number of exams administered by NCCCO since its inception in 1995

Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following company that has just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP member companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel.

- [United Steel, Inc](#) - East Hartford, CT

You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.



Did You Know?

Although NCCCO certification exams are developed by subject matter experts with thousands of hours of experience in the field, **candidate feedback** is a vital part of the test maintenance process. On every written exam, candidates have the opportunity to provide feedback on the exam as a whole, or specific exam questions. Candidates taking paper/pencil exams can provide this on a **Question/Comment form** at the test site, while computer-based testing (CBT) candidates have the opportunity to provide feedback electronically at the end of the exam. The Committee that manages the exams reviews every comment to see if any changes should be made to the exams.

Employer Quote of the Month

"CCO certification has become an integral part of our marketing and training programs. Clients expect and require certified operators for their projects. By employing CCO certified operators, clients can see that we value the safety and security that the highest levels of training provide. We proudly speak of our NCCCO operators on our web page under "Safety & Quality"." **Blake Huffstutler, Stewart Construction, LLC**



This Month in 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 Certification that will lead to an ever-increasing preference by plants and project owners for professionally developed, independent CCO Certification.

NCCCO in the News

We're not the only ones who love talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

[ECA Deepens Its Commitment to Drill Rig Safety and Training](#) - Equipment Corporation of America (ECA) discusses drill rig operator certification, training and the joint efforts of NCCCO and ADSC to establish written and practical exams for Foundation Drill Rig (FDR) and Anchor/Micropile Drill Rig (AMP).
ConstructionEquipmentGuide.com, August 12, 2019

[Crawler Cranes Market Will Witness Widespread Expansion During 2018 - 2028](#) - Regulatory authorities discuss transforming the construction equipment space by updating rules regarding work practices to protect employees during use of crawler cranes, the VR trending penetrating the market and how NCCCO has laid down various requirements to earn operator certification, including age limits, medical requirements and passing of written and practical exams. *Market Reporter, July 24, 2019*

[An Industry Icon: James Lomma, 1945-2019](#) - Graham Brent, CEO of the NCCCO Foundation, comments on the passing of James "Jimmy" Lomma. Brent referred to him as a staunch supporter of crane safety and an early and consistent supporter of NCCCO certification. *American Cranes & Transport, July 23, 2019*

[U.S. Air Force Veteran Supports Crosby's Fallen Patriots Donation](#) - John Glinski talks about supporting the Crosby Group's commitment to raise up to \$25,000 for the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation by donating a portion of every wire rope clip sale from April through June 2019. Glinski is the owner of CTS Consultants, a training provider that prepares students to take the NCCCO certification exams and a decorated U.S. Air Force veteran. *Crane Hot Line, June 4, 2019*

Supporter Spotlight



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In this day of high overhead, low margins and endless competition, you couldn't ask for a harder-working, more reliable, efficient machine on your jobsites than a Terex crane. From our rugged rough terrain cranes, our versatile

tower cranes to our go-anywhere pick & carry models, a Terex crane is built to be your tough and ready workhorse. Terex cranes show up day after day almost anywhere to get the job done.

Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? **[Let us know!](#)** We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Tara Whittington
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