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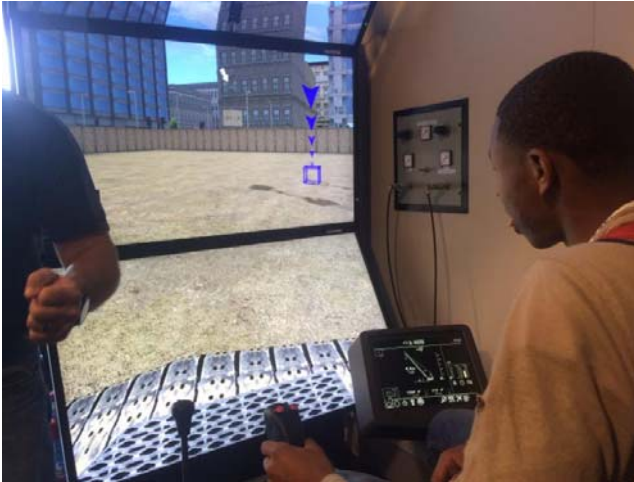
In recognition of the Holidays, NCCCO offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27 and Monday, January 2. We wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Liebherr Sponsors Exam Calculators

In support of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators' policy of providing calculators for use by candidates on certain CCO written exams, Liebherr Mobile and Crawler Cranes, a division of Liebherr USA, Co., has agreed to sponsor the calculators through 2017. [Read More](#)



Bragg Hosts Latest Lift & Move Event



More than 700 students and teachers from 10 area high schools attended another successful Lift & Move USA career event on November 2, hosted by Bragg Companies at its head office in Long Beach, California. Students were given a half-day introduction to career opportunities in the crane, rigging, and specialized transport industry by more than 20 Bragg employees plus representatives from Bigge Crane and Marco Transport. [Read More](#)

ITI Hosts Fall Commissioners Meeting



Hosted by Industrial Training International (ITI), NCCCO Commissioners' 41st Biannual Meeting was held in October at ITI's headquarters in Woodland, WA attended by more than 60 NCCCO Commissioners, committee members and guests. Shown (center) are Commission Chairman Ellis Vliet, flanked by Mike Parnell, ITI Technical Director and CEO (left) and Zack Parnell, ITI President, (right, holding plaque).

CONEXPO Education Highlight: Tappan Zee Technologies

The Tappan Zee Bridge is a cantilever bridge in the State of New York, crossing the Hudson River at one of the river's widest points. Reconstruction of this 60-year-old bridge began in 2013 and is scheduled to be completed in 2018. Join John Glinski, the project's former safety manager for cranes and rigging, for this fascinating session. You will discover a new style of enclosed jacking forms for bridge towers, see the setting of a main span structure with a lifter, and learn new jacking and rolling techniques. [Read More](#)



Special CONEXPO Registration Discounts

NCCCO is delighted to announce that, by special arrangement with AEM, the organizer of CONEXPO/CON-AGG, we are able to offer discounted rates of up to **\$100 off** for both Exhibition Registration *and* Education Sessions at CONEXPO 2017.

[See Details and Register Here](#)

CONEXPO Preview

Take certification exams, become accredited, and see educational live demos!

For CONEXPO 2017 NCCCO is reprising its Lift Safety Zone and adding new features to make a visit to its indoor and outdoor exhibits even more compelling.

With a focus still firmly on the safe operation of cranes and lift equipment, the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ)--co-hosted by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF)--once again takes up position in the center of crane activity in the newly expanded Gold Lot.

[Read More](#) [Registration Discount](#)

Pile Driver Certification Readies for Launch



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA) have jointly announced the impending introduction of a certification program for operators of dedicated pile driving equipment. Dedicated pile drivers represent a growing

type of equipment utilized in the construction industry and, up until now, no independent mechanism has existed for operators to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities required of these specialized pieces of equipment. [Read more](#)

Haag Hosts Board of Directors Meeting

Haag Engineering sponsored the November 1 meeting of the NCCCO Board of Directors at its Sugar Land, TX offices. The one-day meeting was preceded by a meeting of the NCCCO Executive Committee. Among the business conducted by the Board was review and approval of recommendations from the Commissioners arising from their October meeting, and development of a multi-year strategic plan aimed at outlining the main focus of NCCCO business activity through 2020.



Employer Recognition Program Company Profile: Cianbro

CIANBRO

Throughout its 67-year history, Cianbro has safely and efficiently planned, managed, and constructed many technically complex, historic, and environmentally sensitive projects for a wide variety

of public and private clients. A total commitment to safety, combined with the enthusiasm of an innovative team of construction professionals, has enabled the Pittsfield, ME-based company to build a durable reputation for completing projects safely, on schedule, and within budget.

[Read More](#)

Find NCCCO at World of Concrete

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) will be exhibiting at World of Concrete on January 17-20, 2017, in Las Vegas. NCCCO will be at booth #C7005 and will have industry experts on hand to answer questions about its diverse range of nationally (ANSI) and internationally accredited (ISO) and OSHA-recognized crane personnel certification programs.

[Read More](#)



Visit us in booth C7005
Las Vegas Convention Center
January 17-20, 2017

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

- [RHC Midcon](#), Odessa, TX



Practical Examiner Workshops

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

All of the below workshops are **scheduled before, during, and just after CONEXPO**. Workshops scheduled during the event **require** CONEXPO registration. Register for CONEXPO using this an [exclusive discount here](#).

Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher-Operator Programs:

March 2, 2017, Las Vegas, NV

Mobile Crane Operator: March 2-4, Las Vegas, NV

Articulating Crane Operator: March 3-4, Las Vegas, NV

Rigger Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher: March 11, Las Vegas, NV (CONEXPO registration required)

Signalperson Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher: March 12, Las Vegas, NV

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Rigger Level I: March 13-14, Las Vegas, NV

Rigger Level II: March 15-16, Las Vegas, NV

Signalperson/Rigger Level I: March 12-14, Las Vegas, NV

Rigger Level I/Rigger Level II: March 13-16, Las Vegas, NV

Signalperson/Rigger Level I/Rigger Level II: March 12-16, Las Vegas, NV

Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher-Operator Programs: March 11, Las Vegas, NV (CONEXPO registration required)

Mobile Crane Operator: March 12-14, Las Vegas, NV



Training Providers to Complete Annual Listing Renewal

All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation in order to continue being listed in 2016. A Certificate of Recognition for 2016 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? [Apply here](#).

Annual Renewal for the NCCCO Employer Recognition Program

It's time for all employers enrolled in NCCCO's Committed to Crane Safety Employer Recognition Program to update their information for 2017. As with initial enrollment, there is no fee. Companies that participate in the program, and achieve recognition, enhance their standing in the industry and are nationally recognized for their commitment on the NCCCO website, the CCOonline newsletter, and in other industry media. NCCCO strongly encourages all eligible employers to apply for recognition. All companies currently enrolled in the Committed to Crane Safety program should [update their information here](#).



Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons wishing to be considered for inclusion, should [apply here](#).

Did You Know?

Did you know that written exam applications can be completed online? Those wishing to complete the written exam via paper/pencil test administration can still complete their applications online. Submitting applications online allows for faster submission, less paper clutter, and instant payment confirmation. Applications still need to be submitted two weeks prior to the exam.

From the Seat

"Through knowledge gained during the NCCCO preparation course, I am able to more efficiently set up my crane in the most productive location to do the task at hand. I am more knowledgeable about my rights as an operator and extremely confident with load charts now."

Chris Herring, One-Star Recertificant



Employer Quote of the Month



"Requiring NCCCO Certification for our operators has had a tremendous impact on our company. We are a service-oriented company and our customer base has developed a high level of comfort knowing that when Maxim Crane Works has a crane on their site, the operator is highly skilled and trained in the tasks at which they are being asked to perform."

Troy, Wagner Maxim Crane Works

CCO By the Numbers

82,500 - Computer Based
Tests Administered

82,500

This Month in CCO History... 2007

NCCCO introduces a completely overhauled ethics and discipline program. Violators of the NCCCO Code of Ethics and/or Substance Abuse Policy are subject to discipline up to and including permanent revocation of their certification. Since then, NCCCO's Test Integrity Department has investigated nearly 300 cases.

NCCCO In The News

It's not just us that talks about CCO Certification! The industry press is abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Here's a recent sampling:

[Omega Morgan expands their business](#)

Two CCO Certified operators recently talked about their day in a tower crane.

[The Virgin Island Daily News, November 6, 2016](#)

[The Daily Herald, October 8, 2016](#)

[Several Trainers offering training for CCO Certification Recognized in Crane Hotline's Top Trainers](#)

[Trainer Hits Milestone with CCO Candidates](#)

[Department of Labor highlights CCO Certificant Debbie Currie in their Working For You series](#)

[The Evolution of Certification](#) is discussed in this [Texas Contractor November 2016](#) article

Supporter Spotlight

NCCCO gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors.

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Liebherr offers a range of mobile cranes from 35-tonne models to a heavy duty crane with a load capacity of 1,200 tonnes. High-speed all-terrain mobile cranes and telescopic truck-mounted cranes, compact cranes and heavy duty lattice boom cranes are used all over the world. Features include long booms, enormous load capacities, short erection times and high comfort and safety standards.

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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