



**National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators**  
*Committed to Quality, Integrity, and Fairness In Testing since 1995*



## May 2023 Issue Highlights

**Telehandler Cert**

**Whiteboards**

**Memorial Day Closure**

**Fall 2023 Meetings**

**Event Online Testing (EOT) Now Available**

CCO has introduced Event Online Testing (EOT), a new testing modality designed for group settings. EOT allows multiple candidates to take CCO exams at authorized CCO EOT testing centers, offering immediate score reporting, greater scheduling flexibility, and no late application or rescheduling fees. EOT is set to fully replace paper/pencil test administrations by the end of 2023. Learn more about EOT and how to apply [here](#).

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**Memorial Day Office Closure**

In honor of Memorial Day, the CCO offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th. We will resume normal operations on Tuesday, May 30th.



On this special day, let's remember the men and women who left such a strong legacy. We wish you a wonderful Memorial Day.

**Inaugural CCO Employer Award Recipients Named**



## 2023 Platinum Employer Awards



## 2023 Gold Employer Awards

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power  
Maxim Crane  
Marathon  
LyondellBasell  
American Electric Power  
L & W Supply  
North Texas Municipal Water District  
Xcel Energy  
Duke Energy

New River Electrical Corp.  
Sims Crane & Equipment  
Service Electric  
North Carolina Dept. of Transportation  
TNT Crane  
Barnhart Crane and Rigging  
IEA Constructors LLC  
Deep South Crane & Rigging  
Cianbro

## 2023 Silver Employer Awards

Con-Edison Equipment Group  
Garrison Steel  
Louisville Gas & Electric  
Blattner Energy, Inc  
Washington Dept. of Transportation  
Wanzek  
Phillips 66  
Santee Cooper  
Echo Maintenance  
Zachry  
US Army Corp of Engineers  
Kiewit

Davis H. Elliot  
PBF Martinez Refinery  
Trench Shoring  
Cudd Energy Services  
Smithbridge Guam  
BP P.L.C.  
Blalock Companies  
PPL Electric Utilities  
Salt River Project  
O'Rourke Wrecking  
ExxonMobil  
Wright Brothers Construction

PowerSouth Energy  
New York State Thruway  
Nine Energy Service  
Siemens Energy Inc  
Beyel Brothers Crane & Rigging  
Field Core  
Brookfield Renewable  
Dematic Corp.  
Midwest Terminals of Toledo  
Shell Chemical  
Boart Longyear  
Ohio Department of Transportation

CCO recently announced the inaugural awardees of its new Employer Awards, awarded to those companies that have shown their commitment to improving safety through CCO certification. The award program was announced last year, and the awards are based on the volume of exams taken by employees based on data collected by CCO in 2022. Awardees will be provided with a certificate of recognition as well as a welcome kit with a news release that they can use to announce their selection for this award and a special logo indicating the level of their award."

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Since the launch of the Telehandler Operator certification in just this year, we've seen an overwhelming response. We're proud to announce that over 230 telehandler exams have been administered!

We're committed to ensuring the highest level of compliance and safety in the industry. [Read more](#)



## Online Proctored Testing (OPT) is Now Available



Candidates can now opt to take their CCO written exams using the new Online Proctored Testing (OPT) option on their own internet-connected computer from almost anywhere, 24/7/365.

Benefits of OPT include:

- Greater flexibility in scheduling and rescheduling
- Immediate score reporting\*
- No late application or rescheduling fees

[Read more](#)

## Top Training Providers Commended for Support of CCO

CCO recently announced the inaugural awardees of its new Training Provider Awards, awarded to those companies that help prepare the most candidates for CCO exams leading to CCO certification. These awards are indicative of the recipients' commitment to improving safety through CCO certification.

The award program was announced last year, and the awards are based on data collected by CCO during 2022. In 2022 46,000 candidates identified a training provider, equivalent to 70% of applications received. Of the 495 unique training providers identified, the top tier had more than 7,500 candidates during the past year. This year 12 companies are being recognized. [Read more](#)



## 2023 Platinum Training Provider Awards



## 2023 Gold Training Provider Awards



## 2023 Silver Training Provider Awards



We're always looking for ways to improve your testing experience. Candidates are allowed to use a small physical whiteboard during Online Proctored Testing (OPT) and Event Online Testing (EOT). This change, a direct response to your feedback, aims to enhance your testing experience. [Read more](#)



## Sicklesteel Appointed Vice-Chair of ASME B30 Committee



CCO CEO Thom Sicklesteel has been appointed Vice-Chair of the ASME B30 Committee.

"It is a great honor to be selected and to serve the industry in this way," said Sicklesteel. "I am looking forward to continuing to impact the safety of our industry and save lives."

B30 is where all the ASME B30 subcommittees report, including B30.5 Mobile Cranes, B30.3 Tower Cranes, B30.14 Pipelayers, B30.22 Articulating Cranes, B30.2 Overhead and Gantry cranes, and others. B30 is also the committee that gives final approval to all subcommittees for their publications.

Together, the Chair and Vice Chairs form the Executive Committee for B30. Eric Fidler, Manitowoc, is the Chair, and Stephanie Wood, Terex, and CCO's Sicklesteel are the Vice Chairs.

## More Ways to Reach CCO



We're excited to introduce you to a virtual web chat option, affectionately named "Derrick." Derrick can give responses to general queries and, when unable to address specific questions, will connect you with a member of our customer service team. When on the CCO [website](#), just click the chat icon at the bottom right corner of any page to get started and ask questions. [Read more](#)



Questions? Here's Help!

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**Call for Volunteers**



At the request of the industry, CCO is developing two new certification programs and seeks industry expertise to participate in the task forces.

The **Pipelayer**, also known as Side Boom Tractor, operator certification will assist stakeholders in meeting ASME B30.14 and OSHA requirements.

Subject matter experts from all aspects of the industry, including users, manufacturers,

consultants, labor, government/regulatory, insurance, owners, and associations, are invited to apply for a seat on the task force. Specific industry experience in the power, oil and gas, energy, construction, utilities, sewage, biofuel, and slurry industries will help tailor this program to typical operations that make this equipment unique, including lifting over the side, moving, and lifting in tandem with another tractor. These types of operations entail unique safety hazards involved with lifting near a trench and lifting in tandem. This new certification is expected to bring the same level of safety to the users of pipelaying equipment as has been seen for those in and around cranes. [Read more](#) and find the application.

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The development of a new certification for **Assembly/Disassembly Directors** is anticipated to alleviate some of the confusion over the role of an A/D Director and help ensure that those who are CCO-certified as such are capable of safely managing the assembly and disassembly of cranes on jobsites.

ASME B30 and OSHA both outline requirements for those serving as A/D Directors. Under OSHA, the A/D Director needs to be both qualified and competent. This means that they must both have the knowledge of what the issues are as well as the ability to resolve them, and certification will ensure that certified A/D Directors can responsibly manage the complete assembly/disassembly process and all of the required personnel. [Read more](#) and find the application.

**Latest CCO Certification Cards Rely on QR Code for Details**

CCO has improved the design of the ID cards issued to CCO certficants by removing all time-sensitive data and relying instead on the real-time data reported via the Verify CCO Online (VCO) system. As a result, those who verify certification will have access to much more accurate and up-to-date data

As with cards issued starting in May 2022, CCO certification cards issued beginning mid-January 2023 feature a QR code that links directly to the Verify CCO Online (VCO) system. The main difference between the 2022 cards and the 2023 cards is the newer cards no longer list the cardholder’s certification designations, issue date, or expiration date.

[Read more](#)



**Save The Date: CCO Fall 2023 Meetings**

2023 OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Our biannual fall committee and Commissioners meetings will be held from October 17–20, 2023 in Crosby, Texas.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with industry professionals, share insights, and contribute to the ongoing development of CCO programs. Stay tuned for more details on meeting logistics and registration information. We look forward to seeing you there!

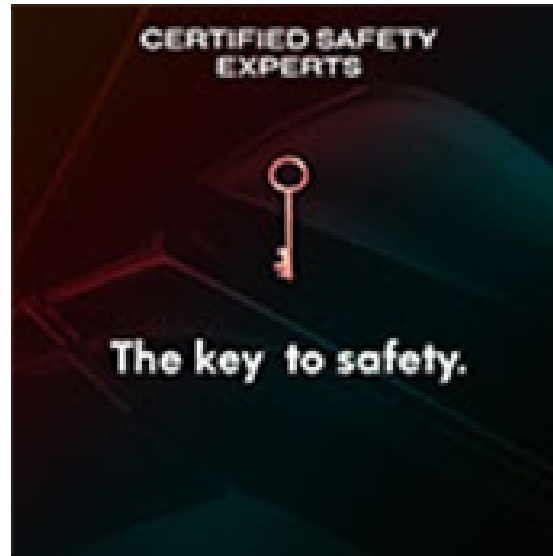
**Evaluators of Crane Operators Task Force Assembled!**

CCO has assembled a 19-member task force to develop a new certification program for crane operator evaluators to be chaired by John Manes of Kiewit. This initiative is in response to OSHA requirements and

industry requests for a standardized, reliable, and defensible approach to crane operator evaluations. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting development! [Read more](#)

## CCO Bronze Sponsor

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## Record-Breaking CONEXPO

CONEXPO 2023 was a resounding success, with record-breaking attendance of over 139,000 participants. CCO was thrilled to be part of this landmark event, connecting with stakeholders,



**CONEXPO**  
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forging new relationships, and recognizing multiple companies and organizations that employ and train individuals for CCO certification. [Read more](#)

## Employer Quote of the Month

*"CCO has been our go-to for crane and rigging certifications, aligning perfectly with our company's GOAL ZERO mentality of zero accidents and incidents."* **Ricky Gracia, LyondellBasell Training Specialist**



## This Month in History: May 2009



In May 2009, the CCO Rigger Level I became available. CCO Rigger Level I certification is an excellent way to demonstrate qualification per OSHA requirements. The certification also meets the newest ASME B30.5 which requires the use of qualified riggers anytime a mobile crane with a lifting capacity above 2,000 lbs is working.

[Read more](#)

## CCO By the Numbers

Did you know that CCO offers 29 different certification designations? And with the addition of our new Event Online Testing (EOT) and Online Proctored Test (OPT) options, getting the certification tailored to fit your needs has never been easier! [Read more](#)



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