Dear Tara,

NCCCO's Commission and Exam Management Committees have been hard at work recently reviewing exam statistics and test administration procedures. We have a full report on their activities in this issue of CCOntline, plus an expanded photo gallery of events held in conjunction with NCCCO's spring meetings. For operators in New York City there's an important deadline looming; we profile the City's Department of Buildings' information bulletin about the new licensing card featuring CCO certification designations. And we discuss the first ever "back-to-back" Rigger and Signalperson Practical Examiner workshops held in Houston last month.

And, as always, NCCCO would like to hear from you! Tell us what you would like to see in CCOntline and our website. Your input is valued.

New York City Deadline Approaches

In an effort to assist New York City's Department of Buildings in its transition to the NCCCO program, Joel Oliva, NCCCO Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, pictured left with New York City Building Commissioner, Robert D. LiMandri, was invited to participate in the Department's Construction Safety Week in April.

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CCO Testing Milestones Reached

No fewer than three remarkable testing milestones were achieved by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) in July when the 250,000th written exam, the 50,000th recertification written exam, and the 100,000th practical exam were administered.

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Maryland Labor Commissioner Applauds Initiative

Commissioner of Labor for the State of Maryland, Ron DeJulis, was the
NCCCO Testifies on Crane Safety, Risk Management

"The volunteers that staff NCCCO committees responsible for the regular review and maintenance of CCO written and practical examinations are driven by a passion-evident today in NCCCO's exam management committees that meet throughout the year to ensure the continuing fairness and integrity of the testing process-to reduce accidents, save lives and, generally, to make the construction industry a safer environment for all to work in," said NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent, testifying before the Federal OSHA hearing earlier this year.

NY City Debuts New Hoist Machine Operator License

New York City Department of Buildings is now issuing a new license card for all new and renewed Class C Hoist Machine Operators license. Department inspectors and staff will continue to accept existing Class C license until their expiration date. The new card will display "Hoist Machine Operator" as the license type in the top right corner of the front of the badge instead of "Cherry Picker". The back of the card now displays the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) designations.

Visit NCCCO at Upcoming Events

CCO Certification will be prominently featured in two major upcoming industry events.

On September 17-19, 2009 SC&RA is holding its annual Crane & Rigging Workshop in Milwaukee, WI. While there NCCCO will not only have a booth but also present two seminars. Soup to Nuts: The 'How To' of CCO Testing will be held from 8-10am on Thursday the 17th. During this session you can find out how to become more involved in CCO testing. On Friday the 18th you can stay on top of industry developments by attending the Industry Updates seminar from 2:45-3:45pm.

Find out if your signalperson staff is in compliance with ASME B30.5 and upcoming OSHA standards by attending Sign of the Times: Is Your Signalperson Qualified?

NCCCO is also planning a full slate of activities at the ICUEE 2009 Demo Expo, October 6-8, 2009 in Louisville, KY. We invite you to visit us at Booth #2053 to find complete information on the new CCO Articulating Boom Crane Operator Certification. NCCCO will also conduct a full Articulating Boom Practical Exam demonstration.
Overhead Crane Equipment Hosts NCCCO Meetings
Overhead Crane Equipment, Inc., Baltimore, MD, hosted NCCCO’s spring Commission and Committee meetings in its home town earlier this year, supporting the ever growing scope of CCO certification. The week-long event, held in May, brought together more than 80 subject matter experts that make up CCO exam management committees as they lend their expertise to the overview and refinement of the written and practical exams.

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CICB/BLP Host First Ever CCO Rigger/Signalperson Workshop
The first ever combined training workshops for CCO Practical Examiners for Signalperson Certification and Rigger Certification were hosted June 28-July 2, 2009 by Crane Inspection and Certification Bureau (CICB) and Bishop Lifting Products, Inc. (BLP). The event, which trained CCO certified signalpersons and riggers to administer the practical exams developed by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO), took place at BLP’s Houston facility.

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