NCCCO Plans Focus Groups.
The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is planning a full slate of activities at the CONEXPO 2008 exhibition and conference, scheduled for March 11-15 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Certification for Riggers and Signalpersons Moves Forward.
Certification programs for riggers and signalpersons will become a reality later this year.

Legislative Initiatives Continue in Absence of Published Federal Mandate.
Regular readers may recall that our New Year’s Quiz this time last year was: “What do Nevada, Minnesota and Utah have in common?” The answer we were looking for a year ago was that 2007 was the year that each of these states would make crane operator certification mandatory.

Washington Gears Up.
When a tower crane collapsed in downtown Bellevue, WA in November 2006, killing one person and causing millions of dollars in damage and project delays, Washington State’s Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) lost no time in developing corrective measures.

NCCCO Trains IUOE Members to Offer New Jersey State Exam.
International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 825 hosted an NCCCO Mobile and Tower Crane Practical Examiner Workshop recently, in Dayton, NJ.

Getting Started on Certification-Part 2.
Some employers have learned the hard the way that only by carefully establishing the proficiency level of their operators prior to training (otherwise known as a “training needs analysis”), do they really know how much instruction may be necessary.

Registration and Housing for CONEXPO is open.
Register now for CONEXPO being held March 11 - 15, 2008.