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***An email digest of CCO program and certification news brought to you by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).***

### **NCCCO and the Construction Institute Sign Cooperative Agreement**

The Construction Institute (CI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has entered into a collaborative agreement with the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) aimed at promoting the benefits of crane operator certification.

The agreement, signed January 25, 2006 in New York, provides a broad framework for cooperation between the two organizations in striving to promote the certification of crane operators as an effective means of improving job site safety.

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### **Utah to Require NCCA-Accredited Crane Operator Certification**

Utah has joined the growing list of states requiring crane operators to be certified. Effective July 1, 2007, any crane operator operating a crane on a commercial construction project must be certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).

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### **South Carolina DOT Mandates CCO Certification**

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) recently conducted its first NCCCO practical exams at its Columbia, SC site.

Michael Phillips Sr. of SCDOT's Specialized Bridge Division tested 34 candidates in preparation for meeting the SCDOT mandatory requirement for CCO crane operators that became effective in January 2006. SCDOT now requires crane operators for all critical lifts during land, barge and multi-crane operations to be CCO-certified. A CCO requirement for non-critical lifts is being phased in over a three-year period.

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## **Crane Rental Hosts Second NCCCO Examiner Workshop**

Crane Rental Corporation, Orlando, FL, hosted its second NCCCO Practical Examiners Workshop, February 10-12. Eighteen participants from as far away as Alaska attended the event.

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## **New Cranes Featured on CCO Written Exams**

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is preparing to offer revised crane choices for its written specialty exams for its mobile crane program.

Replacing the American 5300 on the lattice boom crawler crane exam is the American HC80, while the Broderson RT300 2BO replaces the Grove RT59S on the small telescopic crane exam. The changes are effective July 1, 2006, and all tests scheduled after that date will feature the new exams.

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## **ISO Accreditation Standard Adopted by ANSI**

The international standard used by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to accredit certification organizations, ISO 17024, has been adopted as an American national standard.

The adoption of ISO 17024 (*General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification Systems of Persons*) by ASTM International means that employers, associations, and organizations such as the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) that become accredited under the ISO 17024 will now also meet the new ANSI standard.

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## **NCCCO Publishes 4-Step Guide to Use of its Trademarks**

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has published a 4-Step Guide to the correct use of its logo and acronyms, "CCO" and "NCCCO."

Although NCCCO encourages the correct use of its logo and acronyms, it reminds would-be and current users that these are registered trademarks and that their use is subject to prior written approval from NCCCO.

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## **OSHA, Industry Address FCOC Meeting**

The tangible return to employers by investing in the training and certification of their crane operators was attested to by representatives of industry and government at the Florida Crane Owners Council (FCOC)'s first-quarter 2006 meeting in January.

“Statistics show that a crane operator certified through the CCO program is a safer operator and has fewer accidents than operators who are not CCO-certified,” said Kevin Cunningham, President and CEO of Special Risk Services (SRS), Chicago, IL.

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