

CCO overhead program gathers pace

Crane Tech of Tampa, FL spoke volumes to the overhead crane industry recently when its entire company team of field consultants were accredited by NCCCO as overhead crane operator practical examiners.

Crane Tech President Bo Collier said it best when he stated: "The industry has started to realize the operation of overhead cranes and hoists is more than pushing a button or pulling a lever. The responsibilities of safe operation and competent inspection may only be correctly performed through proper instruction and hands-on training, followed by CCO certification."

Collier noted that training and certification can go a long way towards eliminating poor load handling techniques and needless damage to equipment. "Competent CCO-certified operators can recognize mechanical, electrical and hoisting conditions that may result in equipment damage

or loss of load. In this regard, training and certification provide immediate and measurable results."

Founded in 1977, Crane Tech provides a wide range of training services from its state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Tampa Bay, FL. Regularly scheduled open-enrollment seminars cover subjects such as mobile crane operation and inspection, overhead cranes, rigging, safety



Above: NCCCO Practical Exam accreditation candidates learn to set up the practical test site according to test site layout plans



Right: An NCCCO-accredited practical examiner reads instructions for the task to be performed to a candidate during the practical exam. Examiners in training role-play during the workshop to reinforce the classroom training

NCCCO appoints chairmen

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has appointed chairmen to two NCCCO Committees.

Ron Kohner, Landmark Engineering Services, has been appointed chairman of the Ethics and Discipline Committee, and Larry DeMark, IUOE Local 825, has been appointed chairman of the Appeals Committee.

"Both committees are at the center of NCCCO's standard policy of investigating alleged cases of inappropriate behavior by certified individuals, and of providing for appeal of any decisions reached," said Graham Brent, NCCCO executive director.

"NCCCO is proud and privileged to be able to call on the professional expertise of these industry experts," said John Kennedy, NCCCO president. "The work of these committees underpins the twin concepts of fairness and due process that have been a hallmark of CCO certification since its inception. It is vital they are led by individuals that have established an industry-wide reputation of the depth that Messrs Kohner and DeMark certainly have."

Kohner and DeMark already serve on other NCCCO committees and both are serving five-year terms as commissioners.

management, and scaffold erection, along with train-the-trainer courses on forklifts and aerial lifts. Off-site training is also provided for both large and small groups that have been recognized by many major US government agencies.

The Overhead Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop, instructed by NCCCO staff July 7-8, was preceded by a day of overhead crane written tests administered by chief examiners from International Assessment Institute, (IAI), which provides testing services for NCCCO.

The entire team of Crane Tech professionals attended

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the workshop, and they passed the Overhead Crane Practical Examiner and written accreditation workshop exams. With this achievement behind them, Collier stated that his firm had reached another important milestone with the ability to provide access to CCO overhead crane operator certification to Crane Tech's training clients.

Collier has been active in NCCCO for several years. He was a member of the Overhead Crane Task Force during the development of the program, and continues to serve on the Exam Management Committee that oversees its administration and ongoing development. Collier also serves as an NCCCO Commissioner. **act**