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## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CRANE OPERATORS (NCCCO)

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Certification in the News

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### Supplement for Tower Crane Reference Manual Now Available

Reflecting the increasing popularity-and peculiarities-of self-erecting tower cranes, NCCCO has added a new chapter to its Tower Crane Reference Manual. [Chapter 6: Self-Erecting Tower Cranes](#). This new chapter is included in the latest version of the reference manual and provides detailed instructions for safely planning the use of, setting up, erecting, operating, and dismantling self-erecting tower cranes. Hard copies of the updated reference manual are also available for purchase at [www.nccco.org](http://www.nccco.org).

### Sponsor Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous financial contributions of its sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

Dear Tara,

In this issue of *CCOnline* read about the first state to adopt the Proposed Federal Rule. Get updated on the introduction of the Articulating Crane Operator certification, how Signalperson and Rigger certification have taken off (and how you can become accredited to administer those exams) and about the remarkable work the task forces have been putting into creating new certification programs. Also find out the result of NCCCO's application to NCCA for reaccreditation.

As always, NCCCO would like to hear from you! We value your input, so tell us what you would like to see in *CCOnline* and our website. Your input is valued.

### Demand for Rigger and Signalperson Certification Surges

With the number of CCO-certified signalpersons approaching the 1,000 mark-and a surge of interest in NCCCO's certified rigger program-there are clear signs that employers around the country are proactively seizing the opportunity to qualify all their personnel that work in and around cranes through accredited certification programs.

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### Certification Program Development Pace Unprecedented

With CCO program development continuing at an unprecedented pace, NCCCO's Task Forces and Committees are meeting more than ever.

The month of July alone saw no less than four Task Force meetings: two for the Rigger Certification program, and one each for the Articulating Crane Operator program and the Crane Inspector program that NCCCO is developing for the State of Washington. Sponsors for these meetings included BP America, Houston, TX, Crosby, Tulsa, OK, and V&H Trucks, Marshfield, WI.



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## North Carolina Adopts Operator Certification



North Carolina has become the first state in the U.S. to adopt the Proposed Federal Rule on cranes. Effective October 1, 2009, all employers became subject to the new requirements. Key provisions include required certification for crane operators (optionally through an accredited certification program such as NCCCO), as well as more stringent qualification requirements for signalpersons.

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## CCO Articulating Crane Operator Certification Unveiled

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) announced details of a brand new certification program at the ICUEE 2009 Demo Expo in October.



The event, held October 6-8 in Louisville, KY, was selected for the unveiling of the CCO Articulating Boom Crane Operator, according to NCCCO Articulating Crane Task Force Chairman, Tim Arkilander, due in part to the speed with which development work had progressed during the past nine months. Arkilander is Product Manager for Hiab Cranes, Inc.

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## CCO Certification Reaccredited



The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has reaccredited the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and its personnel certification programs for an additional five-year period. NCCA's latest award of accreditation to NCCCO effectively extends accreditation for CCO certification to 2014, subject to successful annual reviews.

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