



Crane Institute of America Certification, Inc.

**PRESS ALERT**

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## Federal OSHA Recognizes CIC

Sanford, FL – March 29, 2010 – **By means of a voluntary agreement Federal OSHA recognized Crane Institute Certification. OSHA took this important initiative in light of the history of excellence, credentials of being fully accredited and nationally recognized by NCCA. CIC has taken significant strides to improve certifications for the crane industry. This is only the second time that OSHA has ever recognized a crane industry certification company. The review criteria were the most stringent to date, taking anticipated regulation changes to laws related to cranes and derricks into account.**

**The official document from OSHA includes recognition of all mobile crane operator, rigger and signalperson CIC certifications. The three page letter recognizes the contributions CIC makes to the safety of the crane industry and is the only OSHA recognition of both accredited certifications for crane operators, riggers and signalperson. Statements from OSHA include:**

**“This Statement of Agreement describes a voluntary cooperative action between Crane Institute of America Certification, Inc. (“CIC”) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) to recognize crane operator certifications issued by CIC. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (“NCCA”) recognized CIC as an accredited certification program for the following: large telescoping boom crane, telescoping boom crane over 75 tons, small telescoping boom crane, lattice boom crawler, lattice boom carrier and rigger/signalperson. . . OSHA believes recognizing certifications issued by CIC will help attain the goal of reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by accidents related to cranes. . . An accredited certification program that attests to the qualifications of crane operators will provide employers and OSHA with a valuable tool in determining whether a crane operator is “qualified” to operate a particular crane.**

**The execution of this agreement with CIC should have an immediate, significant, and beneficial impact on the safe operation of crane. . . A key issue in OSHA’s decision to recognize certification . . . by CIC is the objective and independent assessment of the skills and knowledge. . . It is a benefit for an employer to employ a CIC certified crane operator on a jobsite because certification indicates to compliance officers that an operator with the demonstrated knowledge, skills and abilities with respect to specified crane types and configurations, is operating the crane. ”**

**The Statement of Agreement bears the official OSHA seal and is signed by Dr. David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Bill Parsons, Acting Director, Directorate of OSHA Construction. Congressman Jeff Miller, of Florida, was an appreciated advocate in OSHA recognizing CIC as he clearly saw the benefit to the industry.**

**A full copy of the letter from OSHA follows.**

About Crane Institute of America Certification, Inc. (CIC) – **CIC is sponsored by Crane Institute of America, a respected leader in the craning industry for over 20 years. For more information, visit: <http://www.CIcert.com> or call 763-476-4242.**

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