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# OSHA Recognition of Crane Institute Certification (CIC)



Congressman Jeff Miller and Debbie Dickinson, Executive Director, Crane Institute of America Certification

William "Cliff" Dickinson, CIC President, Congressman Jeff Miller, and CIC Executive Director, Debbie Dickinson

Congressman Jeff Miller, OSHA Assistant Secretary, David Michaels, CIC CEO, James Headley, CIC Executive Director, Debbie Dickinson, and CIC President, William "Cliff" Dickinson

May 5, Washington, D.C. - At midday, Officers and Chairpersons of CIC gathered at Charlie Palmer's restaurant, located in the heart of the nation's capitol for a time of celebration and reflection. The members in attendance, along with fellow-committee members, led innovative work that revolutionized certifications in the crane and rigging industry. "War stories" and satisfied smiles of achievement, and a few hundred photos dominated the lunch. Then, as a group, the CIC Committee Members and their honored guests, Erin Santiago and Marvin Oey of American Civil Engineers, walked together to the Federal Building at 200 Constitution Avenue, the Department of Labor, where they were greeted and escorted to an OSHA conference room.

Congressman Miller (R-FL) and his Chief of Staff, Dan Mc Fall, soon joined the group. Congressman Miller congratulated the CIC Committee on this "historic event and level of achievement." He commended the CIC Committee on their dedication and the importance of individuals who give of their talent and expertise to promote safe and best practices for productive work.

Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, joined the celebration and also congratulated the CIC delegation by stating that, "What you are doing is important and can ultimately help save lives. We at OSHA appreciate the opportunity to recognize Crane Institute of America Certification." A glance around the executive conference room arrested one's attention on the

photographs on the walls of hard working individuals who had lost their lives in work related accidents. Could more knowledge, better training and a credible certification of ability have saved anyone of those precious lives?

The resolution was evident - Each person involved would continue to strive for a safer, more productive workplace. The CIC Committee members realize that safety and high performing crews are compatible and a non-negotiable expectation. One by one, the CIC Committee members then seated themselves beside Assistant Secretary Michaels to add their signatures to OSHA's official recognition of CIC.

CIC has achieved more accredited certifications for mobile crane operators than any accredited certification provider in history. CIC is the only organization with both NCCA accredited programs and OSHA recognition of a certification program for riggers and signalpersons.

Members of the CIC Committees also serve as officers and members of the ASME B30 Main, the Association of Crane and Rigging Professionals and other safety focused organizations and state committees. Formal recognition by OSHA is an important stamp of approval for the nationally accredited certification programs for crane operators, riggers and signalpersons offered by CIC. The Voluntary Agreement from OSHA to CIC includes recognition of certifications for:  
Crane Operator Certifications - Under 21 Tons (includes options for small cranes, articulating booms, boom & truck cranes); 21 to 75 Tons; Over 75 Tons, Lattice Boom Carrier & Lattice Boom Crawlers, and Riggers & Signalpersons

Debbie Dickinson, the Executive Director of CIC, said "This voluntary agreement, whereby OSHA recognizes CIC, lets the industry know that they have valid options for crane industry certifications. Employers can be assured that certifications from CIC meet all OSHA regulations." The timing is perfect. New OSHA Regulations for crane industry personnel are anticipated in July 2010.

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.craneinstitutecertification.com> or call 763-476-4242.

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***Sincerely,***

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