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NCCA RECOGNIZED AS OSHA-APPROVED ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR CRANE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has recognized the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) as a top national accrediting agency approved to accredit crane operator certification programs in the United States.

The new OSHA rule on cranes and derricks in construction requires all crane operators in the United States to be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency and cites the NCCA as a primary example.

“The NCCA accreditation program is the leading provider of high quality accreditation services focusing specifically on the credentialing community. By specifying the NCCA in this updated rule, OSHA has recognized the NCCA’s long standing commitment to quality and integrity,” said Institute for Credentialing Excellence Executive Director Jim Kendzel. “This is a testament to the fact that NCCA accredited crane operator certification programs meet the most recognized level of national standards for determining the competence of certified crane operators. NCCA is proud to play such an important role in ensuring quality and public safety.”

NCCA accredited crane operator certification programs can be found on the ICE Web site at <http://tinyurl.com/ncca-accredited-programs>. The complete OSHA rule on cranes and derricks in construction is available at http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-17818_PI.pdf. The regulation text is available at <http://www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks/index.html>. This new rule will take effect on November 8, 2010.

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About the NCCA and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence

Established in 1977, ICE (formerly NOCA) is the leading international membership organization representing the credentialing community. ICE fulfills its mission through the delivery of education and training programs, in setting quality standards for credentialing, and by providing accreditation services through its accreditation division, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ICE's membership is composed of credentialing organizations, testing companies, and individual professional development consultants. Through its annual conference, Webinars, and publications, ICE serves as the source for information on the latest trends and issues of concern to practitioners and organizations focused on certification, licensure education/training and workforce development. ICE and NCCA are based in Washington, DC. The Web site address is www.credentialingexcellence.org.

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