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## *NCCCO Presents: Third Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications*

*Fairfax, VA, August 15, 2018*—With OSHA’s November crane operator certification deadline looming, there’s never been a better time to discuss the certification, evaluation, and qualification of crane operators. And that’s exactly what we’ll be doing at NCCCO’s ***Third Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications***.

Scheduled to coincide with NCCCO’s Commissioners Fall Meetings Week, this year’s *Forum* will once again bring together crane industry experts to discuss the latest topics and trends related to crane and rigging personnel qualifications.

In addition to reviewing the status of state and federal (OSHA) standards and regulations, we’ll be addressing a host of relevant issues, including: *How to Maintain Program Integrity through a Robust Ethics and Auditing System; What a Deep Dive into Testing Data Reveals about Candidates; Tackling the “Most Similar” Dilemma: CTAG Gets Down to Work; Interpreting OSHA’s Interpretations; and What’s Next on the Certification Horizon?*

The *Forum* will conclude with a special **Panel Discussion** featuring a wide-ranging debate on subjects as diverse as: *Does Virtual Reality Have a Role in High-Stakes Certification?; When Do Testing Accommodations UNlevel the Playing Field?; The Worrying Trend among States to Discard Certification; Can We Prevent “Bad Actor” Certification Shopping;* and much more. Come with your questions to challenge the panel of experts!

**What:** *NCCCO Third Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications*

**When:** *Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.*

**Where:** *Maritime Conference Center, Linthicum Heights (Baltimore), Maryland*

**Why:** *To provide industry with the latest developments and insights in personnel certification, to promote dialogue on related issues, and to provide guidance to employers and others on applying certification effectively for maximum safety benefit.*

**Who should attend?:** *Contractors, crane and rigging companies, training organizations, insurance providers, steel erectors, regulatory agencies...and candidates and certificants everywhere.*

NCCCO's Forums are provided free-of-charge through the generosity of our sponsors. Registration is required, however.

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*Consider staying overnight and attending the **45<sup>th</sup> NCCCO Commissioners Meeting** the following morning (Thursday). Commissioners Meetings provide unparalleled insight into the test development and management process used by NCCCO, as well as status reports on all CCO certification projects underway. Go [here](#) for full meeting and logistics information.*

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The [National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators \(NCCCO\)](#) was formed in 1995 as an independent, non-profit organization by industry to develop and administer a nationwide program for the certification of crane operators and related personnel. Since then, NCCCO has administered over 1,200,000 nationally accredited written and practical examinations and issued more than 425,000 nationally accredited and OSHA-compliant certifications in all 50 states. For all the latest NCCCO news, follow [@NCCCOorg](#) on Twitter.