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NCCCO Acquires Testing Services Operation of International Assessment Institute

Fairfax, VA, August 3, 2015—The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and International Assessment Institute (IAI) have announced that NCCCO has acquired IAI’s operations relating to the testing services for CCO certification programs.

Effective August 1, responsibility for CCO candidate processing, test administration, score reporting and related services, historically provided by IAI, was assumed by a newly formed NCCCO subsidiary, NCCCO Services LLC. All IAI personnel have accepted employment in NCCCO’s new Testing Services Department headed by Marc Hone. Hone, formerly Vice President of IAI, has been appointed Director of Testing Services reporting to Joel Oliva, Director of Operations and Program Development.

“The integration of CCO candidate processing into NCCCO’s operations is designed to create a greater cohesiveness that will result in internal efficiencies and enhanced service to NCCCO’s many thousands of industry stakeholders,” said NCCCO’s Chief Executive Officer, Graham Brent. It also positioned NCCCO for future growth, he said. “Within the context of NCCCO’s 20th Anniversary, this acquisition marks an exciting new chapter in the organization’s further evolution as the leading industry provider of safety-related credentialing services.”

NCCCO’s Board of Directors paid tribute to the commitment and expertise that IAI Founder and President, Dr. Anthony Mitchell, had made to NCCCO over more than 15 years of service. “Without a shadow of doubt, Tony’s contributions to the development and administration of NCCCO’s professionally developed and nationally accredited personnel certification programs have helped saved lives, reduce injuries, and generally made the construction industry a safer workplace

overall,” said NCCCO President, Thom Sickelsteel. “That’s a legacy that, in his retirement, he has every right to be very proud of.”

NCCCO and IAI have worked together to ensure a seamless transition for both staff and stakeholders, said NCCCO’s Oliva, noting that the IAI contact information, including telephone, fax, and email, would remain unchanged for the immediate future. “We have gone to great lengths to ensure no disruption of service either to certificants or employers, and all program development and maintenance will continue uninterrupted,” he added.

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The [National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators \(NCCCO\)](#) was formed in January 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 950,000 nationally accredited written and practical examinations and issued more than 280,000 nationally accredited and OSHA-compliant certifications in all 50 states. For the latest NCCCO news, follow [@NCCCOorg](#) on Twitter.