

## Why Become a Certified Crane Surveyor (CCS)?



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A few States and Municipalities already require tested and licensed crane surveyors. These same Government Agencies came to realize that in order to decrease the accident rates they needed well-trained crane surveyors inspecting the equipment. It usually takes a catastrophic accident for the government to act and implement a licensing requirement. When these programs were implemented it did in fact decrease the accident rate. Another benefit was derived in the industry, in that the reliability of the equipment actually increased. Why did this happen? It happened because it put more knowledgeable and qualified crane surveyors in the industry.

The crane owner realized a safer operation and lowered their long term operating costs. With the exception of these few Government Agencies there is no licensing or certification requirements for crane surveyors in general industry. In other words, the crane owner has to put all their trust in the crane inspector and hope that they are knowledgeable and qualified to inspect or test the equipment.

The Crane Certification Association of America (CCAA) does not want to wait for a catastrophic accident to happen and we have developed a test and study guide along with the requirements to qualify you as a CCAA, Certified Crane Surveyor. Our test covers code requirements related to the structural, mechanical and electrical questions concerning overhead cranes. Successfully passing this test demonstrates that the individual has the required knowledge to become a Crane Certified Surveyor (CCS).

## Benefits in Becoming a Crane Certified Surveyor

### Creditability

This is the most important aspect of becoming a CCS. Your customers will know that you or your employees have been tested and are qualified to test and inspect their equipment.

### Education

CCAA, has established a continued education program (CE). This insures that you or your employees will have access to technical reports on the equipment being tested and inspected along with Regulatory and Standard updates. This alone keeps you in the forefront of the industry.

### Documentation

You or your employee will be provided with a certificate that states you have demonstrated by meeting the qualifications and completing the required testing that you have the required knowledge to inspect and test overhead cranes.

CCAA has raised the bar and is challenging you to become all you can be and contribute to creating a safer work place environment.

For those of you who have not yet taken the test to become a Certified Crane Surveyor, I urge you to consider putting forth the effort to do so. For those of you who were unsuccessful in taking the test in Las Vegas and wish to retest, we are planning a test at the end of the meeting in Baltimore, April 9-12, 2006. We are also planning a study guide, which will allow us to put on tests in remote locations with a local proctor.

