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Mr. Michael Rorex, Administrator/Coordinator
Apprenticeship & Skill Improvement Program
IUOE Local 150
19800 W. South Arsenal Road
Wilmington, Illinois 60481

Re: Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECF)

Dear Mr. Rorex:

The Contractors Association of Will and Grundy Counties Board of Directors is in full support of the upgraded and improved crane operator certification process that the OECF can provide. We are pleased that the Operating Engineers have taken the initiative, given the recent crane accidents populating the news of late, thus making a significant move to ensure all Local 150 crane operators continue to be the best trained and most highly skilled in the industry.

After reviewing the OECF information, it is apparent that this new program, with its national accreditation, represents a qualification process that is in depth, detailed, and of the highest integrity. We are confident that the operators who obtain and OECF certification will be the most highly skilled in both operational knowledge and safety practices working in the crane industry.

Congratulation on the implementation of this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Grotovsky', is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Tom Grotovsky
Chairman