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**RE: Operating Engineers Certification
Program (OECF)**

Dear Mike:

As per your letter of August 1st, I am writing to inform you that my organization is in full support of the upgraded and improved crane operator certification process that the OECF can provide. We are extremely pleased that the Operating Engineers have taken the initiative given all the recent crane accidents populating the news of late to make a significant move to ensure all Local 150 crane operators continue to be the best trained and most highly skilled in the industry.

In reviewing the information you provided on the OECF, it is clearly apparent that this new program with its national accreditation represents a qualification process that is in depth, detailed, and of the highest integrity. I am confident that those operators who obtain an OECF certification will be the most highly skilled in both operational knowledge and safety practices working in the crane industry today.

Congratulations on the implementation of this vitally needed program!

Sincerely,

David M. Snelten
President

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