

Johnson named PTI executive director

Anthony Johnson will assume the role of Post-Tensioning Institute executive director on January 2, 2019.

Johnson is actively involved with the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and is past president and treasurer emeritus of the ACI Greater Michigan Chapter, where he received the ACI Chapter Activities Award in April 2013. He also serves on ASTM International's committee A01.05 on Steel Reinforcement.

Johnson holds an MBA from Michigan State University Eli Broad Graduate School of Management and a bachelor of engineering in civil engineering from the University of Wollongong in Australia. Johnson is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Michigan.

—Source: Post-Tensioning Institute

OSHA issues final rule on crane operator certification requirements

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published a final rule that clarifies certification requirements for crane operators and maintains the employer's duty to ensure that crane operators can safely operate the equipment. The final rule will maintain safety and health protections for workers while reducing compliance burdens.

Under the final rule, employers are required to train operators as needed to perform assigned crane activities, evaluate them, and document successful completion of the evaluations. Employers who have evaluated operators prior to December 9, 2018, will not have to conduct those evaluations again but will only have to document when those evaluations were completed.

The rule also requires crane operators to be certified or licensed and receive ongoing training as necessary to operate new equipment. Operators can be certified based on the crane's type and capacity or type only, which ensures that more accredited testing organizations are eligible to meet OSHA's certification program requirements. The final rule revises a 2010 requirement that crane operator certification must specify the rated lifting capacity of cranes for which the operator is certified. Compliant certifications that were already issued by type and capacity are still acceptable under this final rule. The final rule, with the exception of the evaluation and documentation requirements, became effective on December 9, 2018. The evaluation and documentation requirements will become effective on February 7, 2019.

—Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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INDUSTRY CALENDAR

Events

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TRB 98th Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.	January 13-17, 2019
World of Concrete 2019 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	January 21-25, 2019
ASCE Week Panama RIU Plaza Panama, Panama City, Panama	February 11-15, 2019
ACI Spring 2019 Convention Nordique Concrete Quebec City Convention Centre and Hilton Quebec, Quebec City, QC, Canada	March 24-28, 2019
SEI Structures Congress 2019 Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Fla.	April 25-27, 2019
2019 PTI Convention Hyatt Regency Seattle, Seattle, Wash.	May 5-8, 2019
fib Symposium 2019: Innovations in Materials, Design and Structures Krakow University of Technology, Krakow, Poland	May 27-29, 2019
2nd International Interactive Symposium on Ultra-High-Performance Concrete Hilton Albany, Albany, N.Y.	June 2-5, 2019
4th International Conference on Structures and Architecture (ICSA2019) Lisbon, Portugal	July 24-26, 2019
2019 AASHTO Annual Meeting St. Louis, Mo.	October 5-9, 2019
ASCE 2019 Convention Miami, Fla.	October 9-13, 2019
ACI Fall 2019 Duke Energy Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio	October 20-24, 2019
31st Annual ASBI Convention Disney's Contemporary Resort and Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Orlando, Fla.	November 4-6, 2019
Greenbuild Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Ga.	November 20-22, 2019
TRB 99th Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.	January 12-16, 2020
World of Concrete 2020 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	February 3-7, 2020
ACI Spring 2020 Convention Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Ill.	March 29-April 2, 2020
fib Symposium 2020 Shanghai, China	April 26-30, 2020