Recent changes in OSHA requirements have set in place tougher standards for verifying Rigger and Signal Person qualifications on job sites across the country. While there are a variety of programs that offer rigger and signal person qualification, union elevator constructors deserve the chance to receive this credential as part of their educational benefit. NEIEP is meeting this challenge head on. Now available from NEIEP is a two-part program of training and qualification to identify IUEC members as riggers who meet or exceed the minimum criteria for OSHA qualification.

NEIEP has followed strict development procedures in structuring the offering of rigging and signaling training and assessment, with an eye toward accreditation by the American National Standards Institute as a certification program. One aspect of that sought-after ANSI stamp of approval is the careful distinction between the offering of a training course and the development and administration of a qualifying exam.

Part 1: CE020Prep - Signal Person & Rigger Level I Qualification Prep Course

With this distinction in mind, the development staff at NEIEP has created an online course offering (CE020Prep) that prepares IUEC members to challenge qualifying examinations offered in person at a later date. This course does not provide Level I qualification by itself, but it does offer a detailed study of rigger and signal person competencies, requirements for a safe work environment, and specifics on OSHA and ASME regulations and codes.

Part 2: Level I Qualification Examinations

The Rigger Level I and Signal Person qualification examinations are developed and administered in person by the National Elevator Industry Testing Group. This group is comprised of NEIEP Area Coordinators who oversee the qualification process distinct from preparatory training. The exams consist of a written (multiple choice) component with a minimum passing score of 80%, which then qualifies the examinee to challenge a practical assessment that requires a 100% to pass. Successful examinees will receive a NEIEP Rigger Level I and Signal Person Qualification ID card, which can be used to verify their status for interested parties.

For more information or to register for the Prep course, visit the Student Gateway area at www.neiep.org and click the link for the course.
LEARNING CONTINUES WITH NEIEP CE COURSES

Taking advantage of the NEIEP Continuing Education program is easy. Have potential students contact their Local JAC and express interest in participating in a classroom-based environment. They can also log onto the NEIEP website and follow the instructions provided on the Continuing Education page to register for any online course that is offered.

To find the list of CE courses available, go to www.neiep.org and select the Course Information menu on the left side of the window. Click on the link for Continuing Education to see a list of courses and brief descriptions of the material covered in each course. Also available are the prerequisites, if any, and the number of hours of participation necessary to earn a certificate of completion for the course. This information is also available in the current NEIEP Course Catalog available upon request.

Encourage local members to visit their profile pages on the website, ensure their address is correct, and submit a request for a catalog through NEIEP Support.

NEIEP’s Continuing Education courses are not the only career enhancing educational tools available on the website. We also offer Self Improvement Presentations, Podcasts, State Licensing courses and Certification prep courses in Scaffolding, Welding, and Rigging/Signaling.

Anyone can be an employee or a worker, but an industry that offers access to education helps set its professionals apart from the rest. Armed with the necessary fundamentals and coupled with on the job learning, our members can equip themselves to be skilled and knowledgeable tradesmen and women. Encourage the membership to build upon that knowledge by using these valuable resources to challenge themselves and continue their education.

NEIEP AREA COORDINATORS’ REPORTS

James McGoldrick, Region 1, New York City and nearby New Jersey
The school year went well. The semester program works well for the apprentices. Over-all it did not affect them too much with the changes. The classes for the unemployed journeymen are fantastic. I have received many phone calls regarding the CE classes. We will be handing out applications at our June Union meeting. These classes let them know they are not forgotten about, which in these hard times is very important. I hope the enthusiasm continues. The hydro lab is a big hit - they can’t get enough of it. Local 1 and myself are very grateful that the CE program has been offered to unemployed journeymen and women.

E Ray Roche II, Region 2, Northeast
A career day for central PA high school seniors was held at Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg. Area Coordinator Art Rodgers and Local 59 JAC Chairman Don Shaefer assisted with the NEIEP booth, showing video and distributing material. PA Building Trades will sponsor Apprenticeship Day at the State Capital on June 7th. Local 6 & Local 59 JAC Chairmen will participate with Art Rodgers and myself. Apprentices will visit with State Reps to explain the merits of union apprenticeship programs. Traveling to all JAC & Union Meetings to explain registration for NEIEP Hoisting, Rigging and Signaling Course required by OSHA. Spring semester classes for 2011 are nearly complete and Continuing Education Classes are being built for those needing certifications. RVMX classes for Mechanic Exam candidates will begin in August.

Have a safe summer season.

Paul Johnson, Region 3, Southeast
Greetings from Region 3:

The second semester will have been completed by the time you read this and there will be a new batch of future Mechanics waiting to sit for their Exam later this year.

I’ve had the opportunity to put on a few job fairs in some Locals and these draw a lot of interest in our CE Classes. We can only hope that this interest turns into students in the class-room.

I also attended the welding training. We had a very good instructor and what we learned should be very beneficial to any students that we instruct. (A lot to learn in a week.)

The welding trailer will be headed to Orlando in July, and then on to Tampa. This is a great opportunity for our members to acquire the knowledge and ability that keeps us the industry leader in education.
A few Locals have OSHA 10 classes running and there is a good turnout for these.

Work in my Florida Locals is still slow. This also includes Mobile/Pensacola. Birmingham and Nashville have put a few apprentices back to work over the last six months.

So long for now.

Raymond McCann, Region 4, Midwest

There are no recruitments scheduled in the near future for Region 4. To all apprentices taking their year-end finals, I would like to wish you the best of luck. Soon, those eligible to sit for the Mechanic’s Exam will have to register. Those interested in the Mechanics Review Class prior to the exam will also have to register at that time.

The semester format that falls in line with the majority of other educational programs was received well, and the benefits were quickly recognized this year. We held a NEIEP Fair promoting the program and some of the benefits it has to offer. Whether the interest was adding a new skill, brushing up on an existing skill, or learning how to obtain certifications, the fair was enlightening to many. In closing I’d like to thank the Instructors, Committee Members, and NEIEP Staff for your dedication and support.

David Aranda, Region 5, Southwest

I want to acknowledge all of the instructors and committee members who have worked so hard during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Local 21: Doing a great job of registering Mechanics into continuing education classes. Renee Sitton, NEIEP’s PTA, continues to do an excellent job of keeping the classes and the program in order. Thursday, August 4th, is the tentative date for orientation, which will be held at the local hall.

Local 31: Currently updating apprentices on Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS).

Local 81: Had a great year with apprentices participating and employers getting involved. During the July 7th General meeting, open registration will be held for the Mechanic’s Exam. Mechanics can also sign up for Continuing Education classes at this time.

Local 131: The semester has come to an end and I wanted to thank all the instructors who have really dedicated themselves to the apprentices: Leonard Bridge, Mike Reitzell, and Hector Rincón in El Paso, and Sam Parks along with Mason Kressley in Albuquerque.

Local 133: Recently received a compliance review from the Department of Labor. The Texas Veterans commission also submitted an in-compliance letter after their annual supervisory visit.

Local 140: Phoenix has really utilized Mr. Robert Kuchar and Jerry Cluff as instructors for 5 continuing education classes that have been administered and 6 more that have been scheduled. Matt Johnson, Patrick Smith and Jason Storr are the three welding instructors that we will need when Local 140 receives the NEIEP welding trailer this upcoming September. The CE020 Rigging and Signaling CE class was developed just as constructors began receiving challenges on the job site. The following students have challenged and succeeded in receiving their Qualified Signal Person Qualified Level 1 Rigger card: Matt Johnson, Roumaldo Romero, Rob Bracy, and Joshua Darnell.

We will conduct complete inventories during our summer break so we will be ready for orientation during the first two weeks in August. Laptops that are not assigned to an active instructor need to be returned to NEIEP. Apprentices don’t make up 100 percent of our industry, but they do make up 100 percent of our future.

Earl Baker, Region 6, Northwest

Greetings from Region 6:

The first year of the semester class scheduling is coming to a close. The semester classes have been accepted very well by the apprentices, instructors and the Joint Apprenticeship Committees. Congratulations to everyone involved in the transition to semester class scheduling.

At this time of year apprentices are taking their semester finals. I wish all of the apprentices good luck on the year end finals, and the fourth year apprentices good luck on the mechanics exam.

In closing, I would like to thank the NEIEP staff, Local JAC members, local administrators and NEIEP instructors for their hard work and dedication.

Thaddeus Tomei, Region 7, Hawaii and Pacific Islands

We currently have 2 apprenticeship classes finishing for the school year 2010-2011. We have had numerous CE classes that were well received by the mechanics.

For school year 2011-2012, we will have one apprenticeship class (RC700/RC800) and other CE classes for the mechanics. Our apprenticeship numbers have dwindled considerably, and we see no improvements for the current 2011 and possibly 2012 season.

Certification classes and the new “hands-on” valve course will be offered in the new school year.

Roy Francesconi, Region 8, Northern California, Oregon, Utah

Hello from the home of the Golden Gate.

The gold is a little tarnished with the state of the economy, but we keep moving forward. According to the preliminary results, 101 out of 109 students passed and will advance. Our Mechanic’s Examination for San Francisco will be held on September 27th, and there are 107 eligible to sit. The Mechanic’s Examination for Reno will be held on September 29th, and there are 5 eligible to sit.

Work is still slow at this time; however, the light way at the end of the tunnel near the end of 2012 shows promise.

At the present time, there are 35 active apprentices scheduled to attend class in August. 140 Mechanics have requested Continuing Education Courses at our 4 classroom sites, and our welding class is running full to capacity.

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Have a great vacation break.

**Ed Lackey, Region 9, Southern California, Nevada**

If change is good, then there is no good news to report! The unemployment is standing pretty close to 30% with little change. There are 280 Apprentices on the out of work list and almost 300 Mechanics The first semester of this Year is coming to a close with the finals being given this week. In Los Angeles, I believe that I will have just over 100 apprentices taking the Mechanic Exam this year.

The CE classes have had a good reception with the Mechanics, both working and unemployed. There has not been a week where I have not received more requests for Continuing Education Classes.

**Ron McKay, Region 10, Great Lakes**

No recruitments are scheduled for Region 10 in the near future.

Work in this region continues to be very slow. As a result, the apprentice semester classes, (RC courses) are dwindling. NEIEP, however, is committed to providing those apprentices still working through their semesters with the best education possible.

Meanwhile, JATC Committees in Region 10 are working extremely hard to entice journeymen back to the classroom. In addition to written and verbal communications informing all Elevator Constructors of possible Continuing Education Courses, some committee members and I will be attending Union meetings and scheduling NEIEP fairs to show what we have to offer. If you haven’t yet received your new NEIEP Course Catalog, ask for one at your Local Union Hall, attend one of the events just mentioned, or visit the NEIEP website and click on the Course Information link to view the same catalog.

By the time this Conduit reaches its readers, most classes will be completed. Best of luck to all apprentices with their semester end exams. Be sure to thank your instructor for his or her support and dedication to your classroom studies.

Equally important is the on-the-job training you receive from journeypersons who, as they say, are “showing you the ropes.”

Work safe, and come back to class in the fall.

**L. Thomas Breindel, Region 11, SEC**

The Semester is coming to an end, and finals are in. I would like to congratulate all who have passed the semester - good job!

A special thanks to the entire JAC in region 11 for their hard work and all of the instructors in Local 32, Local 80, and Local 135; GREAT JOB!

I want to thank all of the NEIEP support staff for all of their help. GOD BLESS YOU, EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!

Have a safe and sunny summer.

**Edward Krull, Region 12, New England**

Thanks to all Instructors and Committee Members for making the 2010-2011 school season successful. I would like to encourage all members to consider enrolling in NEIEP CE classes online as well as in the classroom. Have a great summer!

**Tim Daly, Region 13, South Central**

I want to start off as always thanking all my instructors and JAC members.

It’s been a normal year for me. Every time I look at a calendar another month is gone.

Keep in mind all the on line courses that are available and the new ones that are being added. The CE020 Prep course for signaling and rigging is one that should be completed and the exam taken. Nobody but elevator constructors should be signal/rigging our equipment. It’s our job, we don’t want to lose it.

Work safe.

**Frank Lopez, Region 14, Miami**

Greetings from beautiful South Florida! This year I have seen a difference in the attitude from every apprentice attending class and the reason why is SEMESTER. They feel so confident that they can spend more time studying the curriculum in two parts. This year we had continuing education classes that were greatly enjoyed by everyone that attended. The 2011/2012 school year will continue to have more continuing education classes for Mechanics. The welding trailer will be leaving our area - it was greatly appreciated by everyone who attended. I received a text message from Justin King, who attended the welding trailer. He wanted to “thank everyone for offering him the skills and knowledge that make him a more valuable elevator constructor.” Thanks to all instructors, JAC members, Local 71 staff, and NEIEP staff for all of their hard work in making 2010/2011 a successful school year.

**Sonny Yeatman, Region 15, Washington, DC**

I need to recognize the dedication and constant work of my instructors. The effort and dedication that they show and demonstrate allows Local #10 to produce the very best future workforce in the IUPEC. I need to recognize those individuals who not only taught their regular NEIEP class but also taught the Continuing Education classes that were offered. I want to thank the NEIEP support staff for all of their help during this past year. Through the agreement reached with the College of Southern Maryland, and having access to the new NEIEP welding trailers, Local #10 has certified 106 welders within their ranks.

The work situation seems to be breaking a little in Local #10, with some members going back to work. We hope that this is a good sign for full employment and will allow those apprentices who could not participate in the NEIEP program to have the opportunity to continue with their education. Local #10 is going to be accepting applications in June. I look forward to working with everyone next year.

**Bailey Dowdy, Region 17, Dominion**

Hey Everyone,

Here in the Dominion Region things are still slow. Companies are picking up a couple then laying off a few. For example, Local 20 has 14 mechanics and 6 assistant mechanics, plus two appren-
The 2010-2011 school year was a successful one in both Locals. Although the number of classes was small, the instructors did an excellent job of teaching their material and preparing their apprentices for the end of the spring semester. The success rate for both Locals was excellent, showing the quality of instructors, the quality of material and the quality of hands on/online training we offer to our apprentices. Thank you to the instructors for the time you put into your classroom preparation.

Also, a big thank you to the NEIEP support staff. Your continued help, support and most of all patience made my job much easier.

Enjoy your summer and especially the time spent with family.

Dan Larzalere, Region 20, Las Vegas, NV and San Diego, CA

Well, the spring semester has ended and everyone who sat for a final exam in Las Vegas and San Diego PASSED.

We also have a welding trailer here in Las Vegas which has been a great success and a lot of positive feed-back.

The work picture in Local 18 is still not good we have 575 brothers and sisters out of work. We are hoping to fill some of the class-rooms with Mechanics for the fall semester.

Scott McGinty, Region 21, North, Northwest

With the spring semester finishing up, we will look forward to the 2011/2012 school year and hope more students will be returning to the classroom. The total number of classes is significantly lower than we remember from our recent past. The JATCs from Locals 19 & 23 meet once a month and do a good job keeping track of apprentice progress and training.

Mechanics’ continuing education classes are available now and there will be more opportunities for classes in the future. For those mechanics who would like to attend classes and sharpen their skills, call your Local hall or get in touch with the NEIEP Coordinator in your area.

Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and fun summer.

Arthur Rodgers, Region 19, Philadelphia, PA and Baltimore, MD

Greetings from Region 19:

The work situation in both Locals is still extremely slow. There are a few jobs on the books in Local 5, but they will only make a small dent in the unemployment situation. The status quo seems to be the situation in Local 7 for the foreseeable future.

NOTE TO ALL INSTRUCTORS: ACTIVATING THE INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT MATERIAL SOFTWARE

After July 1, 2011, the “Instructor Support Material” application you loaded on your computer from the DVD that was sent out will become inactive. This is part of the application’s built-in security. To reactivate this application after July 1, 2011, click on the Instructor Support Material icon on your laptop. The software will prompt you to re-enter your Username and Password (use the same username and password that you use to login to the NEIEP Website). The program will then check in with the NEIEP website, so you must be connected to the Internet when you do this. The activation login only needs to be done once and the material will be good until July 1, 2012.

For this upcoming school year, we are evaluating how to make updates to the disc. Changes will be made either in the form of a download from our website or a new DVD if needed.

If you have any questions or suggestions please email Lester at lwhite@neiep.org.
June 10  
**FINAL EXAM ADMINISTRATOR** deadline  
All exams must be mailed to NEIEP within seven days of the date it was administered  

June 15  
**RENEWAL PACKET** documents due date  
(Instructor Report, Committee Contract, Rental & Lease Agreements)

July 5  
**CLASS BUILDER** restored for new school season and electronic class building can begin. Refer to “CLASSBUILDER PACKET” for more information on the class building process.

August 29  
**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** (Week 3)  
Students who are eligible for the 2011 Fall Semester must be present in class by this week in order to participate. Also, they are required to make up any missed classes or exams.

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