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NWSA Launches Telecommunications Tower Technician Certification Programs

Nationwide Certification Offerings Mark Historic Milestone for the Communication Tower Workforce

(Fairfax, Virginia) - The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced today the official launch of two industry-wide certification programs: Telecommunications Tower Technician 1 (TTT-1) and Telecommunications Tower Technician 2 (TTT-2). These programs have been developed by the NWSA via its Telecommunications Tower Technician Task Force comprised of experts from all aspects of the communications industry—tower workers, carriers, tower owners/vertical realtors, OEM’s contractors, trainers, manufacturers and suppliers - who together represent many thousands of hours of related telecommunications and tower experience.



In developing the two programs, the NWSA teamed with the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) for its expertise in designing exams and credentialing programs in alignment with the certification industry’s most rigorous accreditation requirements.

“I am extremely pleased that NWSA met its ambitious goal of launching the TTT-1 and TTT-2 certification programs in the marketplace by 2017,” stated NWSA Board of Directors President Don Doty. “This is a tremendous milestone for the communications tower industry as NWSA certification is now available on a nationwide basis,” added Doty.

To become certified as a TTT-1 or TTT-2 NWSA certificant, candidates are required to successfully complete both a computer-based (CBT) written examination and a practical examination to demonstrate their knowledge and skills at each certification level. Upon passing these exams and meeting all other certification criteria, candidates are issued a wallet certification card that can be authenticated through the NWSA’s online credential verification database search tool. Candidates and industry stakeholders are encouraged to visit www.nws-a.org for detailed information on the certification process, applying for CBT tests and practical examinations, credential verification and for more information on new certification programs.

Other assessment and certification programs the NWSA is considering for future development include Antenna & Line Foreman, Certified Climber, Tower (Stacking)

Foreman, Structural Modifications Foreman, DAS Systems, Small Cell Systems, Broadcast Structures and Outside Plant/Fiber to the Home and Business. Further information will be posted on the NWSA website as programs are added and continue to evolve.

“Today’s exciting announcement is transformative from an industry safety and quality standpoint and is a tribute to all of the stakeholders, volunteers, sponsors and staff who contributed their time and expertise to make NWSA certification a reality,” said NWSA Board of Governors Chairman Art Pregler from AT&T.

The NWSA, headquartered in Fairfax, VA, is a national non-profit assessment and certification organization established to provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provide verifiable worker certification in order to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard communication structures.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at www.nws-a.org to learn more about the organization and how they may be involved.

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About National Wireless Safety Alliance

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