



## **CRANE INSPECTOR CREDENTIALING STANDARD**

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### **PREAMBLE**

CraneSafe USA, LLC dba Green Sticker by Crane Safe (“GSCS”) is a crane inspector credentialing body created to support and facilitate crane inspections in the United States through a network of credentialed crane inspectors (“Inspectors”) who perform independent inspections of load handling equipment.

The following credentialing standard (the “Standard”) shall govern the credentialing of Inspectors authorized to conduct independent crane inspections as part of the program.

### **1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1.1 Age Requirement**

**1.1.1** Inspectors must be 25 years or older.

#### **1.2 Physical Requirement**

**1.2.1** Inspectors must meet the fit-for-duty physical requirements applicable to operators who operate the equipment they are inspecting.

#### **1.3 Certification Requirement**

**1.3.1** Inspectors must hold a current Crane Inspector certification through CCO Certification.

#### **1.4 Experience Requirement**

**1.4.1** To qualify as an Inspector, an individual must have (a) a minimum of 2,000 hours of documented work experience within a five-year period related to maintaining, inspecting, servicing, repairing, or modifying cranes, and (b) experience relevant to each of the credentials to be held by the Inspector.

#### **1.5 Training Requirement**

**1.5.1** Inspectors must satisfy any and all initial and continuing GSCS training requirements.

#### **1.6 Insurance Requirement**

**1.6.1** Inspectors must maintain liability coverage in the minimum liability limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for liability exposures related to the inspection of load handling equipment.

#### **1.7 Written Agreement**

**1.7.1** To be credentialed as an Inspector, an individual must execute the currently required written agreement(s) governing the terms and conditions of his or her relationship with GSCS.

#### **1.8 Good Standing Requirement**

**1.8.1** Inspectors must be and remain in good standing with GSCS.



## **2. RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **2.1 Financial**

**2.1.1** Inspectors shall have adequate financial capacity to perform their inspection work.

### **2.2 Equipment**

**2.2.1** Inspectors shall use adequate equipment and resources for carrying out their activities relating to the inspection of load handling equipment.

### **2.3 Records**

**2.3.1** Inspectors shall maintain adequate records for their involvement in GSCS inspections, including relevant information concerning qualifications, inspections, and known conflicts of interest.

### **2.4 Personnel**

**2.4.1** Inspectors shall retain full individual responsibility for their inspection work, whether conducted individually or with the assistance of one or more employees or contractors.

## **3. INDEPENDENCE, IMPARTIALITY, AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

### **3.1 Relationship with GSCS**

**3.1.1** Inspectors shall manage their activities so as to avoid any misrepresentation or omission that suggests they are an employee or contractor of, or otherwise lack independence from, GSCS.

**3.1.2** An Inspector shall not mislead, misrepresent or knowingly deceive others by suggesting that GSCS has any control or receives any benefit from fees received by the Inspector from any clients.

**3.1.3** Inspectors shall not act in such a manner as to bring GSCS into disrepute.

### **3.2 Impartiality**

**3.2.1** In relation to GSCS inspections, Inspectors shall maintain impartiality and retain objectivity at all times.

**3.2.2** Inspectors shall not be influenced by other interests or parties in a way that compromises their impartiality in relation to inspections, and shall not allow commercial, financial, or other pressures to compromise their impartiality in relation to inspections.

**3.2.3** Threats to impartiality may arise in a wide variety of ways, including, without limitation:

- (a) Subjectivity threats,
- (b) Familiarity threats,
- (c) Intimidation threats,
- (d) Financial threats, and
- (e) Other threats to impartiality.

### **3.3 Conflicts of Interest**

**3.3.1** Inspectors shall promptly disclose to their clients any such conflicts of interest and any business, financial, or organizational interest and affiliations which are or could be construed to be an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest.



- 3.3.2** Inspectors shall refrain from conducting any inspection with respect to which they have or may have a conflict of interest that impacts their impartiality or objectivity in relation to an inspection.
- 3.3.3** If an inspector has a conflict of interest in connection with an inspection, the Inspector shall undertake measures to ensure that the impartiality of the inspection is not compromised.
- 3.3.4** Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Inspector may not conduct an inspection for a client who is a Family Member, defined as a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, grandchild, in-laws, stepparent, stepchild, guardian and ward, or member of one's household.
- 3.3.5** [Reserved – third-party inspector required?]

## **4. SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

### **4.1 Substance Abuse Policy**

- 4.1.1** Inspectors shall not perform duties related to their inspections while under the influence of any substance that impairs or may reasonably be expected to impair their ability to work safely.
- 4.1.2** This includes alcohol, illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, designer drugs, controlled substances, or any other substance that impairs or may reasonably be expected to impair an Inspector's ability to work safely, including prescribed or over-the-counter substances.
- 4.1.3** Inspectors shall comply with all substance abuse provisions of applicable federal, state, and local regulations, as well as industry standards, applicable to inspections of load handling equipment.

## **5. ETHICAL STANDARDS**

### **5.1 Code of Ethics**

- 5.1.1** In their occupation, Inspectors shall conduct themselves in a manner:
  - 5.1.1.1** So as to place the safety and welfare of others associated with their work above all other considerations,
  - 5.1.1.2** So as to protect and preserve nearby general public property and the environment, and
  - 5.1.1.3** So as to be free of bias with regard to religion, ethnicity, gender, age, national origin, and disability.
- 5.1.2** In connection with their work and in their dealings relating to GSCS credentials, Inspectors shall:
  - 5.1.2.1** Make appropriate personnel aware promptly of any safety concerns relating to the work they are performing;
  - 5.1.2.2** Not violate any safety-related regulations, warnings, or instructions set forth by OSHA, recognized safety standards, prevailing jurisdictions, or equipment manufacturers;
  - 5.1.2.3** Not mislead, misrepresent or knowingly deceive others concerning their experience or capabilities;
  - 5.1.2.4** Not use their credential in a misleading manner, or make claims regarding their credential that go beyond the scope for which it was granted;



- 5.1.2.5 Not use their GSCS credential in such a manner as to discredit GSCS, and not make any statement regarding that credential which GSCS considers misleading or unauthorized;
- 5.1.2.6 Discontinue the use of all claims to their GSCS credential upon suspension or withdrawal of said credential; and,
- 5.1.2.7 Not misrepresent or misuse any acronyms or logos, or any registered trademark or other intellectual property of GSCS, including content subject to copyright or confidentiality.

**5.1.3** In their dealings with GSCS, Inspectors shall:

- 5.1.3.1 Provide accurate and complete information and abide by GSCS policies and procedures, including this Code of Ethics, as they may be updated from time to time;
- 5.1.3.2 Not act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage, or to provide another with an advantage, in connection with any dealings with GSCS;
- 5.1.3.3 Conduct affairs relating to GSCS in a professional and respectful manner, according to accepted codes of business conduct; and,
- 5.1.3.4 Cooperate fully and completely with any administrative inquiries or investigations by GSCS.

## **6. INSPECTION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS**

### **6.1 Access to Platform**

- 6.1.1 Inspectors in good standing shall be granted non-exclusive, conditional access to a portal allowing for the use of certain forms, fields, inspection protocols, and related infrastructure necessary to conduct inspections as part of the program (the "Platform").
- 6.1.2 Inspectors shall not allow others to use their individual login credentials to access the Platform.

### **6.2 Use of Forms and Inspections**

- 6.2.1 Inspectors in good standing shall be granted non-exclusive, conditional use of certain forms necessary to conduct inspections as part of the program (the "Forms").
- 6.2.2 An Inspector shall not make any misrepresentation, or by omission suggest, that GSCS is responsible for the Inspector's inspection of load handling equipment.
- 6.2.3 [Reserved]

### **6.3 Inspection Reports**

- 6.3.1 Inspectors completing inspections on particular machines shall generate inspection reports reflecting the inspection conducted as part of the program (the "Reports").
- 6.3.2 [Reserved]

### **6.4 Inspection Stickers**

- 6.4.1 Upon satisfactory completion of a particular inspection, Inspectors may request a sticker bearing the "Green Sticker by CraneSafe" logo and identifying information (the "Stickers").



## **6.5 Use of Credentials and Program Materials**

- 6.5.1** Inspectors shall not use the Platform for any purpose beyond the scope for which it was intended.
- 6.5.2** An Inspector shall not misuse Credentials in the program, directly or indirectly, to conduct an inspection or generate an inspection record other than “Green Sticker by CraneSafe.”
- 6.5.3** An Inspector shall not misuse the Platform, Forms, Reports, Stickers, or other program materials, directly or indirectly, to conduct an inspection or generate an inspection record other than “Green Sticker by CraneSafe.”

## **7. INVALIDATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

### **7.1 Invalidations**

- 7.1.1** Non-compliance with the Inspection Process Requirements may result in the invalidation of a particular inspection, Report, or Sticker.
- 7.1.2** Particular inspections, Reports, or Stickers associated with inspections conducted in the program may be invalidated by GSCS, in its reasonable discretion, for non-compliance with other applicable GSCS policies and procedures.

### **7.2 Disciplinary Action**

- 7.2.1** Non-compliance with the Independence, Impartiality, and Conflict of Interest rules, or the Code of Ethics, or the Substance Abuse policy, may subject an Inspector to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of GSCS Inspector credentials.
- 7.2.2** Contravention of GSCS other GSCS policies and procedures in violation of the Code of Ethics may subject an Inspector to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of GSCS Inspector credentials.