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■ The Morrow Training Center has added a new interactive training station to its main classroom. The new station features Liebherr's AC500 PLC system used in the Litronic Tower Crane line. It allows maintenance technicians, supervisors and operators to become familiar with the operation of the PLC's and drives in the system. The station offers live demonstrations of the main features of this state-of-the-art system, such as work range limitation, heavy lifting capabilities, capacity reduction, data recording information, operator display screens. The addition of this training equipment will provide high quality, real world training for everyone using tower cranes in the industry today.



■ Crane Industry Services (CIS) has three new Vortex Simulators designed to provide training and to conduct performance checks for operators of mobile cranes, tower cranes and excavators. The simulators are housed at the Centered on Safety Training Center located on West Georgia Technical College's Murphy campus. Just as in real life, the simulated tower crane mast and jib bend and torque according to the weight of the load, while the mobile crane simulation is modeled after a 40-ton rough terrain crane with full boom extension to 102 feet.

New Liebherr AT for Certified Crane & Rigging Services

Houston-based Certified Crane and Rigging Services recently expanded its crane fleet with the delivery and commissioning of a new Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 all-terrain crane. The crane has a capacity of 400 tons. The LTM 1350-6.1 becomes the fourth Liebherr AT in Certified Crane's fleet and is also their largest capacity crane.

Key factors in choosing the LTM 1350-6.1 were the strong load charts and versatility of the crane, the company said.

"We purchased the Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 because it fit a spot in our new crane fleet that will allow us to maximize its 400-ton capacity, but also to be able to work the crane down in size. Liebherr cranes are very versatile and

have exceptional load charts in reduced counterweight configurations," said Joe Lind, general manager for Certified Crane and Rigging Services. "The decision to go with the Liebherr cranes was decided by our management team based on our past experiences with the cranes themselves. All the manufacturers make great cranes, but we felt with the added technology in today's cranes that we had to have direct support from the manufacturer."

Certified Crane and Rigging Services was founded in 2015 by a management team with over 100 years combined experience in lifting, rigging and transportation with the idea to form a company that put safety and customer service first.



■ Certified Crane and Rigging's LTM 1350-6.1 during commissioning/training.

ATS officially opens new facility

Sun Prairie, WI-based Associated Training Services held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house celebrating its new facility on July 15. Attendees included representatives from the Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce, the I Make America Tour from AEM and live broadcasting from WJJO Solid Rock Radio. ATS's new facility allowed the company

the opportunity to bring all of its classrooms, offices and heavy equipment training resources under one roof with the new \$2 million training building. The new facility features six classrooms in 16,000 square feet of space, and is located about 10 miles from Madison, WI.

"The largest classroom is 3,000 square feet and seats 100 plus," said Dan Swiggum,

business development officer for ATS. "We'll use it for orientation and also make it available to associations looking for a place to provide specialized training."

The facility includes classrooms, staff offices, an instructor resource room, a conference room and dining facilities. Classrooms are sponsored by heavy equipment manufacturers and include Case Construction Equipment, Manitou, Terex Cranes, JCB and Mazzella Companies.

"The extra space will allow us to train more people," Swiggum said. "Baby Boomers are retiring and that's leaving a lot of openings in the workforce. If we can train more people, then we can help employers fill jobs faster." ■

