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**ERECTORS**  
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September 12, 2002  
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Re: OSHA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee  
Subpart N, Crane & Derricks

OSHA  
DOCKET OFFICER  
DATE SEP 16 2002

Subject: Nomination for Panel

S030  
Ex. 2-60

Dear Mr. Henshaw,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my name for nomination to the Subpart N Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. I'm in the final stages of my career as a steel erector and crane owner and thereby have the expertise, time and financial capability to meet with the committee where and when as required. It would be a privilege and pleasure to serve if selected.

Before I list my qualifications, I would like to express that I sincerely believe in the philosophy of an employer to provide a safe and healthy work place for their employees.

As an employer I personally feel that our company Con-Weld is a benefactor of the New negotiated Subpart R (steel erection) standard. I always say " An accident is cheaper to prevent than its cost and disruption it will cause.

Qualifications:

Education - BS, Industrial Technology, State University of New York

Military - MOS 62E2P Heavy Equipment Operator  
Honor Graduate Engineer Heavy Equipment School  
Engineer Training Center, Ft. Lenard Wood, Missouri

Work Experience and Responsibilities

- 1.) Ironworker, 1963 - 1983, 20 years Foreman, General Foreman and Superintendent  
Skilled in the day to day assembly, set up, use and disassembly of mobile cranes, including signaling by hand phone and radio, load capacity charts, and rigging both above and below hook. Worked for American Bridge using Guy Derrick 1970 - 1971 on 40-story building. Supervised the assembly and disassembly of many tower cranes.

2.) Steel Erection Contractor – 1983 to Present

Worked as Superintendent and now General Manager responsible for designing and preparing erection procedures which include crane and rigging for the erection of structural steel and precast concrete for bridges and buildings. Expertise in planning, problem solving and decision making in use of lift cranes. Also responsible for maintenance and annual inspections of owned cranes.

3.) Erection Procedure Responsibilities

- A. Type of crane selections – Crawler, Truck, Lattice, Hydraulic or Tower Cranes
- B. Size of crane – 500 ton – 5 ton boom truck
- C. Multi crane use - Sharing of loads
- D. Critical Lifts \_ more than 75 % of capacity.
- E. Crane stability – calculations for spreading loads, foundation surcharges, water born cranes on floats or barges
- F. Design of rigging – slings and spreaders

License & Certification

New York State Licensed Crane Operator, 20 years (current)  
Certified Mobil Crane Inspector - Crane Institute of America, 6 years (current)  
Certified NYSDOT Welder

Crane Ownership

5 Ton Boom Truck (Pitman)  
15 Ton Hydraulic (P&H) R150  
80 Ton Crawler Crane (Lima) 700 HC  
150 Ton Crawler Crane (Lima) 1500C

Codes & Standards

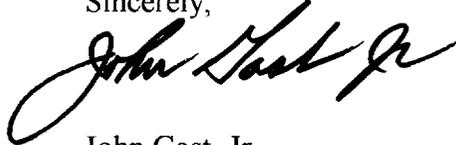
OSHA Subpart R Steel Erection - Competent Person  
OSHA Subpart N Crane – Competent Person  
ANSI 30.5 Crane - Current in use  
ASME B30, 8/1993 Floating Crane – Current in use  
ASME B30, 2/1999 Below the Hook - Current in use  
NY State Steel Construction Manual - Current in use  
NY State Standard Specification E101-018 Lifting  
CSX Rail Road Use of Cranes Near or over Railroad Tracks  
SP 131 Crane Stability on Site

Professional:

Member NSBA (National Steel Bridge Alliance) Erection Task Group  
Signatory to International Operating Engineers Local 17, 463 and 832  
Signatory and International Agreement in Bridge Structures and Ornamental Ironworker  
Member A.W.S.  
Past president of A.B.C.D. (Association of Bridge Construction and Design) Western  
New York Chapter

Please don't hesitate to reach me with any questions you might have at my office tel: (716) 773-1973 or fax: (716) 773-3989 or Email promod9@hotmail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gast Jr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Gast, Jr.

Ref: Michael Fitzpatrick, General Secretary Ironworker International  
Has personal knowledge of safe work record  
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N. Paul Rimmer, Civil Engineer II, Metals Engineering NYSDOT  
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for erection of steel bridges in the State of New York  
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