

Title: Contracting Officer Responsibilities

Target Audience: Contracting Officers for Contracts where Cranes may be Operated



- Contracting officers should be familiar with the requirements of paragraph 1.7.2 of NAVFAC P-307, and provide for oversight of crane and rigging operations as well as oversight of the investigation should an accident occur.
- **When Weight Handling Equipment services are contracted, it is the Contracting Officer's Responsibility to ensure P-307 requirements are being met.**
- Recent significant accidents involving contracted cranes/services include:
 - Overturned cranes.
 - Collapsed boom.
 - Crane rotated into power lines.
 - Crane overload to 200% of rated capacity.
 - Improper use of government owned crane in an attempt to lift structures embedded in concrete.
- Contracting officers play an essential role in a safe and reliable Weight Handling Program!