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## **IPS CRANES RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATION AS A WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS**

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**St. Paul, Minn**. — IPS CRANES, a St. Paul-based custom crane manufacturer, received national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC), a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

WBENC's national standard of certification implemented by the Women's Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC), is a meticulous process including an in-depth review of the business and site inspection. The certification process is designed to confirm the business is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women.

"We are honored to receive this certification from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. This certification will allow us to strengthen our relationships with vendors, corporations, and government agencies, while having a positive impact on our community and economy," said Jackie O'Connell, President & CEO, IPS CRANES.

**About IPS CRANES:** Founded in 1988 in St. Paul, Minn., IPS CRANES is a custom crane manufacturer of locomotive and crawler cranes, who prides itself on delivering innovative, sustainable crane solutions around the world. IPS CRANES is the OEM for American and Ohio locomotive cranes and crane parts. IPS CRANES offers custom crane manufacturing, rebuild/repair services, crane rental fleet, a full line of quality OEM replacement parts, and a complete offering of crane services. IPS CRANES also operates a full-service repair, rebuild and manufacturing facility in Duluth, Minn. with track running into the building that is serviced by all major railroads. IPS CRANES Metro Crane division is the exclusive manufacturer of the patent-pending IPS Metro Crane, an emission-free, eco-friendly metro subway crane. IPS Metro Crane received the WBEC certification in 2017. IPS CRANES continues to build a legacy of industry leadership. For more information, visit www.IPSCRANES.com.

**About WBENC:** The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's largest third party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States. WBENC is a resource for the more than 700 US companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC's certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs.