

## Local 2 welcomes the new ETCP mobile testing option



STAGEHANDS LOCAL 2 is in constant training mode as our industry evolves daily with ever improving technology. COVID-19's mitigation protocols have challenged our ability to train and test. We prefer classroom-style training, so we adopted social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and we replaced pen and paper tests with mobile testing that PSI installed in our training room, when it became available.

candidates gave us favorable feedback on PSI's computer-based testing, which was done onsite in our training facility. Our candidates reported they were comfortable in our familiar space, that social distancing and mask wearing was enforced, hand sanitizer was made available, and they received their results upon completion of their tests. These two ETCP training / tests couldn't have gone better and we ended up with 21 more ETCP Certificants! Thank you ETCP and PSI! ■



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ETCP was beyond helpful coordinating our rigging seminar with PSI, a mobile and ETCP-authorized testing company. This allowed everyone that attended our multiple-day rigging seminar to test directly after the seminar ended. PSI confirmed the time we'd test, and they were set up within a few hours. They brought laptops, Ethernet cords, and even furnished scratch paper.

PSI handled check-in and ETCP continuously reached out to confirm everything ran smoothly. We used PSI again, in conjunction with ETCP, a few weeks later for our entertainment electrician seminar too.

Our Local 2 ETCP rigging and electrician

### Mobile testing replaces ETCP pencil and paper testing

ETCP contracts with the psychometrician (scientific measurement) company, PSI, to provide the licensing and certification examinations for ETCP.

For ETCP mobile testing, the testing host supplies the room, tables and chairs, and a stable broadband Internet connection. PSI provides proctors, computers, and all necessary cable.

As with the pencil and paper exams, there is an additional proctor fee for the testing host. Candidates will apply through the ETCP portal, the candidate vetting process completed, and then the basic exam fee must be paid. This fee can be paid by the host or the candidate.

The host needs to provide PSI with the following information about the testing space:

- Location (complete street address)
- Dimensions of the room

The number of candidates who can test is limited only by the size of the testing room. Candidates need to be a minimum of 6' apart. All current COVID-19 safety protocols must be followed. (The space criteria will be reevaluated when the pandemic is under control.)

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