

## **Landscape & Nursery Career Development Event Problem Solving Event #3 Skid Steer Operation**

You have been asked by your supervisor to demonstrate your understanding and proficient operation of a skid steer loader. Please complete a pre-operation inspection and operate the loader through a designed course. The course will simulate job conditions that could include moving loose material and loading a truck, lifting palletized material, and / or operating in close proximity to solid objects. Measurements may be taken to determine how much material was retained through the course. You will also be required to demonstrate changing the front attachments.

**Study Reference:** Equipment Safety and Maintenance in the Landscape Training Manual for Installation Technicians (Chapter 9)

### **Procedure:**

1. Complete a pre operation check of the loader.
2. Start Engine, run at fast idle allowing machine to warm up.
3. Drive the loader through the obstacle course 2 - 3 times as instructed by the judge.
4. Demonstrate changing front implements.
5. Operate implements as instructed by the judge (raise, lower, turn,)
6. Park the loader safely in area as directed by the judge.