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DEDICATION AND HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR TRAINEES

9 April 2014 – The dedication and hard work of six apprentices and trainees employed by regionally based members of B&ES (the Building & Engineering Services Association – formerly HVCA) has just been recognised as they walked away with the top honours at this year's North West Regional Training Awards. Presentation of the awards took place during a dinner hosted at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton by Steve Bradshaw, B&ES North West regional chairman. The awards were organised by B&ES training subsidiary BEST and jointly presented by Andy Sneyd – president elect of the Building & Engineering Services Association (B&ES) – and Peter Williams, chairman of the North West Training Group.

The award winners were:

Heating & Ventilating Installer of the Year – Luke Challiner employed by Eccles, Manchester based J Fletcher (Engineers) (Runners-Up were Sam Williams of national contractor Shepherd Engineering Services and Sam Parr of Wirral, Merseyside based Kimpton Building Services).

Heating & Ventilating Craftsperson Fitter/Welder of the Year – Asa Comley of Shepherd Engineering Services (Runner-Up was Joe Maloney of Dukinfield, Cheshire based RMD Contracts).

Electrician of the Year – James Hudson, also of Shepherd Engineering Services.

Engineering Technician of the Year – Guy Davies of Stoke on Trent based Drayton Beaumont Services.

Service and Maintenance Engineer of the Year – Josh Wheeler of Wigan, Lancashire based Nice-Pak International.

Incorporated Engineer of the Year – Owen Kelsey of national contractor Crown House Technologies.

Crown House Technologies were also presented with the '**Employer Commitment to Training Award**'.

In his address to the audience, B&ES president elect Andy Sneyd said, "The building and construction industry is facing a time of fundamental and unprecedented change, which is affecting every aspect of our working lives.

"Above all, change is forcing us to re-define the skills and competences we will require if companies operating in this key sector of the British economy are to continue to deliver a first-class service – on time, on budget and to the satisfaction of all concerned – in an increasingly digitalised age.

"Key to this process are the young people being honoured this evening, along with many hundreds of their peers across the UK who will reshape and transform our industry.

"I therefore offer my sincere congratulations to tonight's winners – as well as to the employers, the colleges and the families who have supported them throughout the learning process – and remind them of the massively important roles they have to play in the years and decades that lie ahead."

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Notes to editors

Since its formation in 1904, B&ES, the Building & Engineering Services Association (formerly the HVCA) has represented the interests of companies engaged in a wide range of building and engineering services including domestic heating and renewable technologies.

B&ES members are subject to regular, third-party inspection and assessment of their technical competence and commercial capability, carried out by an independent certification body at least every three years.

B&ES members who undertake gas installations are registered with Gas Safe – the gas safety watchdog body – and are also members of TrustMark, the Government-endorsed scheme designed to direct customers towards reliable tradespeople.

B&ES operates the *Heating Helpline* (www.heatinghelpline.org.uk) to provide consumers with free, impartial advice on every aspect of home heating.

Picture Caption:

The 2014 North West Awards winners included (left to right) Asa Comley, Sam Williams, Owen Kelsey, James Hudson, Josh Wheeler, Joe Maloney, Sam Parr and Luke Challiner.