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JORDAN GILMOUR IS SCOTLAND'S TOP CRAFT APPRENTICE

28 January 2015 – Jordan Gilmour of building engineering services contractor James Frew Ltd was named Craft Apprentice of the Year in the Scottish HVACR Awards for Outstanding Achievement, during a ceremony held at the headquarters of B&ES Scotland at Bush Estate, Midlothian.

Jordan – who also came top in the Pipe Fitter Welder Apprentice category – received his trophy, the David Kettles Cup, from Bruce Bisset, immediate past president of the Building & Engineering Services Association.

In introducing the awards, Mr Bisset said that the fact that so many bright and talented young people should have chosen to come into building

engineering services was testimony to the career opportunities offered by our sector.

"Our continuing duty, therefore, is to help them to fulfil their potential by harnessing their enthusiasm, and by nurturing their passion for the industry and its future development."

Mr Bisset added that, "These are testing times for all of us – but they are also exciting times, when we require high-calibre recruits more than ever before.

"Young people with fresh ideas, who understand the world we live in and how it will change in the future – and are eager for the challenges such change will inevitably present.

"Young people, in other words, just like those we are honouring here this afternoon."

Mr Bisset went on to remind his audience of the programme of modernisation to which the UK Government was committed – a programme that aimed to reduce both construction costs and carbon emissions by 20% in four years.

"Crucial to the achievement of these objectives is the widespread adoption of building information modelling technology – and the genuinely collaborative culture that lies at the heart of the so-called 'BIM revolution', he insisted.

"Equally crucial is the engagement in the change agenda of some of the best young minds of the new generation – as craftsmen, as technicians, as managers and as innovators", Mr Bisset concluded.

The full roll call of winners and runners-up is as follows.

Pipe Fitter Welder Apprentice of the Year: Jordan Gilmour of James Frew, Stevenston, Ayrshire. Runner-up: Dylan McKirdy of Vaughan Engineering Services, Broxburn, West Lothian.

Pipe Fitter Apprentice of the Year: Gary Bickerton of Arthur Mackay Building Services, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Runner-up: Callum Edmond, also of Arthur Mackay Building Services.

Service and Maintenance Apprentice of the Year: James Dunbar of William Whitfield, Bellshill, Lanarkshire. Runner-up: Daniel Hart of Skanska Facilities Services, Motherwell, Lanarkshire.

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Apprentice of the Year: Joss McInnes of Blue Refrigeration, Irvine, Ayrshire. Runner-up: Justin Cahill of Bouygues UK.

The Scottish HVACR Awards for Outstanding Achievement were organised jointly by B&ES and its subsidiary Building Engineering Services Training (BEST) Scotland.

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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 disciplines.

B&ES helps its members to build successful businesses by being the leading trade association for integrated building and engineering services and renewable technologies. It is a unifying force that promotes and monitors excellence; provides quality advice, guidance, training and

support; generates market-leading thinking; and shapes the commercial environment through active representation.

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.

Picture Caption:

"B&ES immediate past president Bruce Bisset (left) presents the David Kettles Cup to Scottish Craft Apprentice of the Year Jordan Gilmour of James Frew Ltd."