



News Release: Watson Electrical enjoyed great success at the 3rd Annual Electrician's Competition and Career Fair held on Saturday, March 6th at Trident Technical College's Main Campus in North Charleston, SC. The 22 apprentices competed for cash prizes and tools. This year's hands-on competition and written skills test included seven high school Electrical Trade students from each of the four local Career and Technology Centers. Watson Electrical's Charleston Division apprentice **Don Sick Jr. placed 1st as the Trident Tech Third Year Student Apprentice** - the third year in a row he has placed first in his respective category. Jr., as the name he's known by in Charleston, is also finishing up his Associates Degree in the Trident Technical College Electrical Technologies Program - he will be one of the first graduates of the *first in the Carolinas college credit apprenticeship program*. Jr. was selected to compete representing his Trident Tech class based on his high scores.

The primary purpose of the event was to showcase electrical apprenticeship and the collaborative efforts of the Charleston Electrical Contractors Association (CECA), Trident Technical College (TTC), Trident Workforce Investment Board, and the Carolinas Association of General Contractors (CAGC) to further the success of apprenticeship in South Carolina. The event was also a career fair to illustrate career opportunities in the electrical field. Local area high school electrical program students and their parents and TTC students in electrical and related programs of study were invited to attend. Food and prizes were available in support of the event; local electrical suppliers, vendors and electrical utilities set up demonstrations and promotional tables. Dr. Mary Thornley, President of Trident Technical College gave the awards address and announced the winners of the competition. Ann Marie Stieritz, Director of Apprenticeship Carolina for the SC Technical College System, was another distinguished guest and provided supportive remarks to families and all in attendance.



Charleston Div Manager Keith Clifford Presents Don Sick Jr. a WECC Award Check



Don Sick Jr., During 2010 Project Construction Competition



Don Sick Jr. (Center) Receives Awards from TTC Apprenticeship Dir. & CECASC Pres.

Congratulations to Don Sick Jr., his trainers and supervisors for an exceptional accomplishment!

Note: Additional Pictures are available at www.watsonelec.com and www.cecasc.org