



News Release: *Watson Electrical* held its 17th Annual Electrical Apprenticeship Contest on August 12th at the Wilson County-American Legion Fairgrounds. Since the first event, *Watson's* Contest has been the pinnacle of the company's training programs; just as important, it remains a celebration of how apprenticeship can be a tool to develop outstanding, highly-qualified electricians and company leaders. *Watson's Contest* continues to focus on productivity and pre-planning through intense inter-company competition. The *Contest* emphasizes how apprenticeship can be the foundation for career growth. *Watson's* Contest is a well-developed and well-run training event exemplifying throughout industry teamwork potential within the Company at all levels—Human Resources, Training, Safety, Management, Supervision and Craft Workers—with this year's contest continuing to be *the* example for all industry to follow.

Watson Electrical's Apprentice Contest was very successful in organization and efficiency; the judges repeatedly commented about the high degree of workmanship and close competition among all 18 apprentices. Apprentices competing this year were *Christopher Anderson, Charlotte Div.; Shaun M. Birch, Raleigh Div.; Troy G. DeHart, Burlington Div.; Gary L. Foulk, Jr., Charlotte Div.; Christopher E. Gandy, Charlotte Div.; Brandon M. Grier, Va. Beach Div.; Timothy S. Herms, Charlotte Div.; Andrew D. Hughes, Va. Beach Div.; Joshua D. Powell, Burlington Div.; Hunter Roberson, Richmond Div.; Christopher D. Sirry, Va. Beach Div.; Alfred Taylor, II, Raleigh Div.; Philip J. Van Buren, Va. Beach Div.; Adam T. Welvang, Raleigh Div.; Marcus R. Wheeley, Burlington Div.; James B. Wiggins, Charlotte Div.; Johnny P. Wilson, Jr., Wilmington Div.; Mark P. Wolschleger, Raleigh Div.*

Winners of Watson Electrical's 2011 Competition are 1st Place—**Mark P. Wolschleger, Raleigh Div,** 2nd Place—**Joshua D. Powell, Burlington Div.,** 3rd Place—**Timothy S. Herms, Charlotte Div.**

Congratulations to all participants, trainers, support staff, managers, supervisors, vendors and facility providers who made *Watson Electrical's* 17th Annual Apprenticeship Contest the company's *best training event in our industry!*



Please visit the company website www.watsonelec.com for photo story of this year's outstanding contest!