



## News Release

# ABC NAMES NEW YORK HVAC TECHNICIAN CRAFT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ABC today announced David J. Isaac, an HVAC professional for Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., Rochester, N.Y., as its 2010 Craft Professional of the Year. The award was presented during ABC’s 2010 National Convention in San Diego.

Each year, ABC presents the Craft Professional of the Year award to a construction craft professional who excels in his or her field, maintains a lifelong commitment to training and upholds the merit shop philosophy.

“Dave is a true leader who has earned the respect and admiration of his coworkers and customers,” said Jim Elmer, 2010 ABC national chairman and president of James W. Elmer Construction Co., Spokane, Wash. “He takes pride in mentoring and helping his colleagues and the students he teaches. His dedication to his craft is an inspiration to those who have the privilege to work with him. I am very pleased to present Dave with ABC’s Craft Professional of the Year award.”

Isaac has been with Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., for 30 years and has experience in all HVAC installation and repair activities including basic residential heating and air conditioning, multi-million BTU boilers, medical refrigeration and commercial automation. In addition, Isaac is an active member in the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society and teaches coursework every year to members in the Rochester area.

Tradesmen International, official sponsor the 2010 Craft Professional of the Year competition, awarded Isaac a new full-size pickup truck.

The ABC Craft Professional of the Year winner was selected from seven craft category winners. The craft category nominees are evaluated on several criteria, with the top candidates being chosen to represent their respective craft.

Other ABC 2010 Craft Professional of the Year finalists:

**Craft: Carpentry**

**Name:** Roger L. Leisure, Jr.

**Employer:** Danis Building Construction Company, Miamisburg, Ohio

**Chapter:** ABC Ohio Valley Chapter

**Craft: Electrical**

**Name:** Othniel L. Henry

**Employer:** D.P. Electric, Inc., Tempe, Ariz.

**Chapter:** Arizona Builders' Alliance

**Craft: Masonry**

**Name:** Tranquilino Villegas

**Employer:** Telligent Masonry, LLC, Potomac, Md.

**Chapter:** ABC Metro Washington Chapter

**Craft: Pipefitting**

**Name:** Chad A. Dugge

**Employer:** Lee Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Park Hills, Mo.

**Chapter:** ABC Heart of America Chapter

**Craft: Plumbing**

**Name:** Jason L. Sewell

**Employer:** Lake Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Eustis, Fla.

**Chapter:** ABC Central Florida Chapter

**Craft: Welding**

**Name:** Russell Benjamin Rodolph

**Employer:** Big J Enterprises, LLC, Albuquerque, N.M.

**Chapter:** ABC New Mexico Chapter

The criteria upon which candidates were judged included: the candidate's mastery of job-related skills, jobsite and safety performance record, leadership, professionalism, community and industry service, personal motivation, credentials, commitment to the merit construction philosophy and recognition by others for the candidate's excellence in craft skills and teamwork to complete projects successfully.

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