

ABC PRESENTS NEW HAMPSHIRE CONTRACTOR WITH CRAFT TRAINING AWARD

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Washington, D.C. – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) April 13 awarded Brian Hooper, MSI Mechanical Systems, Inc., Salem, N.H., a member of ABC's New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter, with its 2010 Craft Training Award.

Each year, ABC presents the Craft Training Award to an ABC contractor member who has shown outstanding support of craft training initiatives and the promotion of careers in construction. The award was presented during ABC's 2011 EdCon & Expo, held April 12-15 in San Antonio.

"Brian is truly deserving of this award," said Jamie Van Voorhis, senior manager of careers in construction at ABC. "His willingness to invest the time to make students aware that the construction industry is a great career option makes Brian a real asset to ABC and to the merit shop construction industry."

Hooper, who is vice president at MSI Mechanical Systems, promotes craft training to students in middle school and high school through the Schools to Careers program. In addition, Hooper helped launch the first New Hampshire Construction Career Day, which offers students a chance for hands-on experiences in various trades, and served on the board of directors. He also serves on the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce Business Education Collaborative Committee.

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