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**ABC-VA Apprentice takes Silver in the Commercial/ Industrial Electrical Category  
at ABC National's 2015 Craft Championship Competition!  
Will Figgins, Beckstrom Electric Co.**

DULLES, VIRGINIA- During the week of March 2, 2015, the best of the best in 11 different trades gathered for ABC National's 2015 Craft Championship Competition in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. With 187 competitors, ABC-VA was very proud to send two of our talented individuals, William Figgins of Beckstrom Electric and Sean Condrey of Old Dominion Insulation. For many ABC members, the National Craft Championship Competition is the construction version of the Olympics. Craft trainees from chapter and member firm training programs across the country come together to compete in a two-day event that turns a convention center into an active construction site. During this event, craft workers use their skills and knowledge to compete head-to-head with their peers to be recognized for their construction achievements.

After an intense two-day competition, ABC-VA apprentice, Will Figgins, was announced as the Silver Medalist in the Commercial/Industrial Electrical Category.

"Will has been working with Beckstrom Electric's service department for the last two years while continuing his education with ABC-VA. Beckstrom was very proud to sponsor and support Will in the National Craft Competition this year in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Will has been a great asset to our company, is self-motivated and committed to his trade and it is with great pride that we can boast that Will has been recognized as the Silver medal winner (2nd place) at the competition. Beckstrom looks forward to supporting Will's continued growth in this great industry and will expect great things from Will in the future," said Tony Gentry, Manager of Construction Operations, Beckstrom Electric Co.

"Despite the fact that they build the hospitals, schools, retail, office, and mixed-use buildings that serve as the foundation to our daily lives, the accomplishments of today's crafts professionals continue to be drowned out by our society's tarnished view of the construction industry. Here at ABC-VA we believe that highlighting the talents of these highly skilled professionals is one step towards correcting the preconceived notions that prevail today. We hope the community will take notice." Kerry Roszel, Education Director, ABC-VA.

The National Craft Championships was developed in 1987 to help celebrate and recognize craft training in construction careers. Each year, the competition draws some of the nation's most talented craftspeople and highlights the important role that craft skills training plays in the construction industry.