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INSTALLER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED AT BICSI CONFERENCE

Reigning Champion Jessie Spearman takes home title for second year.

Baltimore, Md., May 13, 2009— The second annual Cabling Skills Challenge came to end during last night's BICSI Exhibition and Reception. In total 24 BICSI-certified competitors participated in the challenge:

- Steven Hartley, ITS Installer 1, Staley, Inc.
- Vincent Santucci, ITS Installer 1, Vision Technologies
- James Sundy, ITS Installer 1, Staley, Inc.
- John Barczak, ITS Installer 2, RKB Electric and Supply LLC
- Brant Carson, ITS Installer 2, Varia Systems, Inc.
- Jason Caviness, ITS Installer 2, IES Commercial
- Andrew Davis, ITS Installer 2, Vision Technologies
- Jeffrey Johnson, ITS Installer 2, Staley, Inc.
- Nicholas O'Connell, ITS Installer 2, Staley, Inc.
- Olen Brown, ITS Technician, Union Pacific Railroad
- Alex Castillo, ITS Technician, ACE Contractor
- Joseph D'Urso, ITS Technician, Vision Technologies
- Daniel Dosch, ITS Technician, Netcom Technologies Inc.
- Frank Gonsalves, ITS Technician, Union Pacific Railroad
- George Henderson Jr., ITS Technician, Information Innovators Inc.
- Christopher Honeycutt, ITS Technician, MTM Technologies
- John McDonnell, ITS Technician
- Sydney Mortiniera, ITS Technician, Stout Communication
- Onyeka Okafo, ITS Technician, James Electrical Control, Inc.
- David Redrow, ITS Technician, Echo 24
- Timothy Roberts, ITS Technician, Access Communication Services
- Jessie Spearman, ITS Technician, Vision Technologies
- Stephen Stamp, ITS Technician, James River Communications
- Kevin Whittle, ITS Technician

After completing several events—including structured cabling; copper cable terminations; fiber termination; cable assembly; cable troubleshooting, technical support; professionalism; and a written competency exam—winners of each level were named during Wednesday morning's award ceremony.

ITS Installer 1

- 1st — Vincent Stantucci, Vision Technologies
- 2nd — James Sundy, Staley, Inc.
- 3rd — Steven Hartley, Staley, Inc.

ITS Technician

- 1st — Jessie Spearman, Vision Technologies
- 2nd — Timothy Roberts, Access Communication Services
- 3rd — Stephen Stamp, James River Communications

ITS Installer 2

- 1st — Andrew Davis, Vision Technologies
- 2nd — John Barczak, RKB Electric and Supply LLC
- 3rd — Jeffrey Johnson, Staley, Inc.

The overall winner with the highest score of the competition was rightfully named BICSI Installer of the Year. Jessie Spearman, ITS Technician, of Vision Technologies walked away with the honor, and \$5,000, for the second year in a row. Other awards included a UniCam Toolkit and a Deluxe Fiber Toolkit donated by Corning, a Testifier Pro and Optical Probe from JDSU, a Rhino 6000 Hard Case Kit from DYMO, a two-year BICSI membership and various other gift cards, tools

and packages from Unique Firestop, Siemon, STI, Sumitomo, Mohawk, Abesco , Kitco, Klein and RANDL. In total, the grand prize was worth over \$15,000. First place winners in the other categories won prizes totaling over \$2,000.

"I couldn't believe that I won again," said Spearman. "But win or lose, being here is a great experience. Before the competition, I thought BICSI was just a training organization, but through these conferences I've learned BICSI is more about career development and helping people grow. Since the last competition, I was promoted from foreman to supervisor and now I oversee Vision Technology's Virginia office operations."

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BICSI provides information, education and knowledge assessment for individuals and companies in the ITS industry. We serve more than 23,000 ITS professionals, including designers, installers and technicians. These individuals provide the fundamental infrastructure for telecommunications, audio/video, life safety and automation systems. Through courses, conferences, publications and professional registration programs, BICSI staff and volunteers assist ITS professionals in delivering critical products and services, and offer opportunities for continual improvement and enhanced professional stature.

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