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ROOFING STUDENTS EXCEL AT SKILLBUILD 2011

On 16th-19th September competitors from around the UK, specialising in one of three roofing disciplines came together for the SkillBuild final held at Leeds College of Building to pitch their skill and wits against one another.

SkillBuild is a highly important national competition that takes place annually aiming to promote excellence amongst the UK's young crafts people. Comprised of ten categories the National Federation of Roofing Contractors Limited (NFRC) manages the roofing category of the competition for SkillBuild.

High standards dominated every facet of the three-day competition. It really was a hive of building trade activity with 120 highly trained apprentices, from across the UK put through their paces. It was estimated that over 2000 students from numerous colleges visited this very popular event.

The roofing category is split into three main disciplines, Roof Slating and Tiling, Roof Sheeting and Cladding and Reinforced Bituminous Membrane. The winners and runners-up were as follows;

Roof Slating & Tiling was jointly won by students Kevin Barker of Dodds Roofing Services Ltd and Stephen Harkin from D Harkin & Co Roofing Ltd and third place went to Scott McGowan, MGL Roofing Ltd.

First in the Reinforced Bituminous Membrane competition was Samuel Hall of Russell Trew Ltd and second was James Wynn of George Brolly & Co (Roofing) Ltd.

The Roof Sheeting and Cladding sector was won by Scott Lyons of North East Contracts Ltd, with Peter Kerr of Weatherproofing Advisors Ltd coming second.

NFRC would like to thank all the competitors and tutors for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the entire competition. We also thank the colleges who helped to facilitate the learning and hosting regional finals.

A special thank you to the companies for allowing the competitors to take time off in order to compete and who also gave further valuable training and support at their own expense. In particular, Weatherproofing Advisors Ltd kindly allowed another of their employees to enter the Roof Sheeting & Cladding final (who happened to be 2nd highest heat scorer) after another competitor had to pull out at the last minute.

Finally, but by no means least a thank you to all the manufacturers who once again provided materials, logistics, prizes and their time: Cladding Services Eastern Ltd, Hambleside Danelaw, IKO, John Brash, Klober, Sandtoft, SFS intec, SIG Roofing Supplies and Tata Steel.

The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers was once again a proud supporter of SkillBuild, and will be presenting Kevin Barker & Stephen Harkin with the Mason Elliott Award for Roof Tiling & Slating next year at their annual awards.

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