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Tenix wins industry accolades

Tenix safety, quality and environmental and training manager Michael Buchanan is renowned for the support he gives Tenix employees to undertake training, but it was his own training achievements that were recognised at the 2008 ESITO Excellence Awards.

Nominated for the Advanced Trainee of the Year award, Mr Buchanan was presented with the winner's certificate and a \$500 cash prize at a gala dinner held at Mystery Creek Events Centre in Hamilton last Thursday.

Over his 31 years in the electricity supply industry, Mr Buchanan has achieved an impressive range of qualifications, including live line mechanic, health and safety, electrical industry assessor, adult education, supervision, management and business qualifications.

John McWilliam, ESITO Acting CEO and convenor of the judging panel, said the extent of Mr Buchanan's learning and self-development was impressive and epitomises one of the key strengths of industry training – life long learning in the workplace.

As the night went on there were more accolades for Tenix when the winners of the 2008 ESITO Line Mechanic Competition were announced.

Tenix was one of ten line mechanic teams that competed in the ESITO Line Mechanic Competition – a three-day event which challenges teams to demonstrate the very best practices for completing jobs safely and efficiently while under the watchful eye of experienced judges and the time clock.

Under the guidance of team manager, Ian Williamson, team members Roger Bland, Jamie Munro, Paul Webster and Paul Tasker won third place.

Paul Tasker, the team's trainee line mechanic, was awarded the coveted Ross Archer Memorial Line Mechanic Safety Award for being the trainee with the best individual marks during the competition.

Other award winners were:

ESITO Overall Trainee of the Year
Bjorn Van Dam, Mighty River Power

Business Support Trainee of the Year
Liz Thomas, Electrix Limited

Generation Trainee of the Year

Bjorn Van Dam, Mighty River Power

Networks Trainee of the Year

Jennifer Seaward, ABB Limited

Telecommunications Trainee of the Year

Jeremy Young, Transfield Services (New Zealand) Limited

Contribution to Industry Training

Ashley Weir, Tyco Electronics NZ Limited

Runner-up ESITO Line Mechanic Competition

Northpower – Whangarei

Winner ESITO Line Mechanic Competition

Siemens (N.Z.) Limited – Northern

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