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Kennett Square, PA - The Tri-M Group, LLC is pleased to announce that Wayne Worthington earned the top honor in the Power Line Worker category at the 2019 National Craft Championships (NCC), held in conjunction with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) national convention. Worthington, who has been a member of the Tri-M team since 2014, earned the top honor of gold as he competed in the 32nd annual NCC held in Long Beach, California.

Tradesmen from all over the country competed in the 2-day event. The competition consisted of a written exam on day one, and a six-hour project on day two where skills are tested in three areas: framing a 15' structure; wiring a 3-phase transformer bank; and terminating medium voltage cable and connecting riser to aerial line. Additionally, competitors were required to climb and perform work on poles and operate an aerial bucket lift.

"We are all very proud of Wayne for winning the gold medal in the Powerline competition. Wayne has worked very hard throughout his apprenticeship and this is a direct result of his dedication to safety and training," said Tri-M Executive Vice President Ron Bauguess.

"The annual National Craft Championships honors the best the merit shop construction industry has to offer," said 2019 ABC National Chair Tony Rader. "I am always amazed by the level of dedication NCC competitors show to their craft, safety and professional development. This talented group of craft professionals are leaders in our workforce, and I look forward to their continued contributions to the construction industry."

Started in 1987, NCC is a part of ABC's effort to raise the profile of careers in construction and highlight the \$1.1 billion that ABC member companies spend annually on workforce development. Each year the competition draws some of the nation's most talented craft professionals and highlights the importance of craft skills education and safety in the construction industry.

Worthington is an apprentice in Tri-M's PA Department of Labor approved Lineman Apprenticeship Program. The Merchant Job Training and Safety (MJTS) Program is the industry's most comprehensive and challenging training course for power line personnel.

The Tri-M Group provides electrical construction, high voltage, building automation, energy analytics, security, networking and telecommunications solutions. For over 55 years Tri-M has been offering comprehensive solutions and services and empowering business with smarter facilities. Headquartered in Kennett Square, PA, Tri-M has offices in Lock Haven and Quakertown, PA, Middletown, DE and Baltimore, MD.