

It is my pleasure to announce that Kevin Kelton has been selected as the winner of the 2015 Smitty Award for Technician of the Year. As you may be aware, this award was created in honor of David "Smitty" Smith following his retirement from Hotwork. It is intended to recognize exemplary performance by a Field Technician – especially those who exhibit some of the best attributes that we all associate with Smitty. In addition to the recognition and plaque in the Hotwork lobby, the winner also receives a cash prize.

Kevin has been one of Hotwork's "go to guys" for glass projects for a number of years. He is often involved in our more complex glass furnace drain or heat up projects. The junior Technicians always mention Kevin as one of the guys who is anxious to teach and share knowledge. To some, he may appear to be "the big easy" as he is rarely flustered and always willing to get the job done without complaint. Please join me in congratulating Kevin Kelton as the 2015 Hotwork Technician of the Year.

Tom Graham