



It is my pleasure to announce that Hugo Chirinos has been selected as the winner of the 2016 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.

Hugo was selected based on feedback from many of his co-workers who praised his work ethic, leadership, and skills. He was also recognized for his diplomacy and judgement when placed in the demanding role of primary translator between English speaking Lead Technicians and Spanish speaking clients. Hugo played a critical role in several difficult projects that were executed in Mexico in 2016. Please join me in congratulating Hugo Chirinos as the 2016 Hotwork Technician of the Year.

Tom Graham