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Top Energy linesmen up with the best

Top Energy has taken out a hard fought third placing at the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO) Line Mechanic Competition, held at Mystery Creek, Hamilton last week.

ESITO is the organisation which sets national standards and qualifications and develops learning resource, for the electricity transmission and distribution industry.

According to ESITO, its Line Mechanic Competition gives participating teams the opportunity to test their combined abilities to carry out jobs safely and efficiently, while under the close scrutiny of experienced judges and the pressure of the time clock. Improved co-operation, teamwork, practicing technical skills, benchmarking work standards, networking and company pride are all reasons why the industry is keenly involved in the competition, ESITO says.

The competition, which is run as a 3-day event, involves line mechanic teams in a series of different challenges against the clock, including crane operation, dismantling equipment, electrical theory, electrical hardware installation, isolation and earthing, testing, pole top rescue procedures and first aid.

Top Energy had two line mechanic crews involved in the competition this year, competing against 9 other lines companies and contractors. The Company's Kaitaia depot crew, of Terry Price, Casey Lloyd, Matiu Peel and Leonard Murray, led by Line Maintenance Supervisor, Brett Tracey also won the individual Hardware Install Event against all-comers, while apprentice line mechanic, Matiu Peel was a finalist in ESITO's Apprentice of the Year Award.

Top Energy crews were presented with their awards at the ESITO Excellence Awards Dinner last Thursday evening, in front of more than 600 industry participants.

This year's competition was won by a Whangarei based crew from neighbouring lines company, Northpower, which placed second in last year's competition.

Said Top Energy CEO, Russell Shaw, "It was a hard fought and very close competition and I'm delighted our crews were able to compete with their industry contemporaries and show they can foot it with the very best in New Zealand. Being involved in the competition helps us become more safety conscious and ultimately it helps raise work standards right across the industry". END.

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Top Energy crew competing hard at the ESITO Line Mechanic Competition.