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Tulsa, Oklahoma area holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

TULSA, OK — The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Oklahoma was held at the Tulsa Technology Center on October 1, 2015. Eight teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship Competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, they will compete for over \$100,000 in cash and prizes including a new 2016 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 truck.



*Setting up at the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500
Oklahoma Regional Event*



The skies cleared just in time for the action to heat up!

Darian Douthit, a mason with Providence Masonry LLC, Fairland, Oklahoma, and his mason tender Andy Zepeda, edged out the rest of the competition with a net count of 644 brick to take home first place. Not only did this carry the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship Competition in Las Vegas for Darian, but it also came with \$500 cash and a Marshalltown tool bag filled with masonry tools and accessories. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award also went to Darian Douthit who took home an additional \$400 in cash and a second Marshalltown tool bag filled with masonry tools and accessories for this prize. David Chavez, a mason with Ranch Masonry, Houston, Texas finished as runner up and took home \$300 and a loaded Marshalltown tool bag. Third place

went to a past SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Champion, mason Leif Reints of Reints Masonry, Miami, Oklahoma, who received \$250 Cash and a Marshalltown tool bag filled with masonry tools and accessories.



Thank you to all of the sponsors for their support of the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Oklahoma Regional!



The grand prize raffle winner took home a new flat screen TV!

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Oklahoma Regional Event would not be possible without the help of the Tulsa Tech Masonry Students and their instructor, Chauncey Kila. The SPEC MIX team thanks them for their continued support of this event. Additional local and national sponsors including Midwest Block and Brick, Acme Brick, Stihl, Ford Commercial Trucks, Multiquip, and Mortar Net were on hand to demonstrate their products throughout the day. The Andolini's Pizzeria Food Truck was on site, and a grand prize raffle winner took home a brand new flat screen TV.



The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Oklahoma Regional Competitors



First place & SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN winner Darian Douthit and his tender Andy Zepeda

Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Darian Douthit - 644 Brick

Tender – Andy Zepeda

Providence Masonry LLC, Fairland, Oklahoma

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Darian Douthit - 644 Brick

Tender – Andy Zepeda

Providence Masonry LLC, Fairland, Oklahoma

2nd Place

Mason – David Chavez - 609 Brick

Tender – Edgardo Martinez

Ranch Masonry , Houston, Texas

3rd Place

Mason – Leif Reints - 529 Brick

Tender – Lloyd Sidwell

Reints Masonry, Miami, Oklahoma

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional and World Championship series of events are widely considered the masonry industry's strongest promotional program to showcase the skill, speed and craftsmanship of professional masons around the world. Established by SPEC MIX, Inc. in 2003, the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 is the trade's annual campaign that answers the question: "Who is the World's Best Bricklayer?" The winners of each regional qualifying competition earn free trip to Las Vegas to compete against 20 or more bricklayers in the World Championship held during the World of Concrete tradeshow on February 3rd, 2016.

The regional and championship contests consist of a two-person team; one mason and mason tender, that are given 60 minutes to construct a 26 foot 8 inch, double wythe brick wall that must be constructed to meet strict quality standards. The walls are judged by highly qualified, experienced industry experts that carefully follow a 10-point criteria system. The winning masons are ranked and awarded prizes based on the highest brick count while meeting the quality requirements and competition rules. The competition has four awards; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place which are based on the highest net brick count meeting the quality standards. The 4th award, and arguably considered the most coveted prize (prize), the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN is judged the most sellable wall with over 500 brick laid. The walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience.

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