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New York Students Compete for National Recognition – *TeamWorks* Gives Students Real-World Experience –

Syracuse, NY, March 30, 2009 - Associated Builders & Contractors, Empire State Chapter (ABC) is sponsoring the *TeamWorks* competition, which provides a unique opportunity for high school students to gain real-world experience and showcase their skills!

The competition includes eight teams of four students, all of whom are enrolled in one of the following construction craft training programs at Career & Technical Centers (BOCES) from across NYS: Orleans Career & Tech Center, Broome Tioga BOCES, Herkimer County BOCES, Bohlen Technical Center, Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES, F. Donald Myers Ed. Center, ESB- Brookhaven Technical Center, and LA Wilson Tech Central.

The teams will have five hours to build a project from start to finish, demonstrating the required skills for residential construction. The team members will analyze a project drawing; write and present an action plan; and demonstrate their ability to work as a team performing skills in residential carpentry, plumbing, electricity and masonry. Students will also be judged on safety, cleanliness of jobsite, timeliness of completing the project, and proper ordering and inventorying of tools and equipment.

The *TeamWorks* program was developed by SkillsUSA, a national vocational program that allows students to practice construction skills while helping their schools and communities. Through the TeamWorks SkillsUSA activities, students gain experiences in leadership, teamwork and craftsmanship and gain a true understanding that construction projects require the trades to work together.. "The program emphasizes high standards, superior work skills and cross training and lifelong education and pride," said Penny Hazer, vice president of workforce development at ABC. "These are qualities employers value and look for when hiring new workers – these students are our future leaders in construction.," she added.

The event is scheduled for April 2, 2009, from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, at the OnCenter in Syracuse NY, and will help determine New York State qualifiers for the national competition held in June at Kansas City, Missouri.

Equipment and materials for the *TeamWorks* have been generously provided by the following sponsors: Admar Supply Company, Inc., Chesterfield Associates, Inc., Demco New York Corporation, DiMarco Constructors, Edgeline Electric Corp., Gordon & Zoerb Electrical Contractors, Gypsum Systems Interiors, Ltd., Gypsum Systems, Inc., Lawman Plumbing & Heating, Northland Associates, Inc., Tersal Construction Services, Inc., Tetrattech Architects & Engineers, The Hayner Hoyt Corporation, Valentine Electric, and Willey Lumber.

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