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REGIONAL COMPETITION

DATE: October 12, 2017

North Texas area holds the 2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

Dallas, TX —The 2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for DFW / North Texas was held at Featherlite Block, in Dallas, TX on October 12, 2017. 11 teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2018 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 2018 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 truck.



Mario Landeros, a mason with Artisan Masonry, Royse City, TX, and his mason tender Cristohbal Anguiana, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 554 brick got the job done. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2018 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for Mario, but it also came with \$1,000 cash, Stabila Level, pair of Jag Clamps, \$100 gift certificate from Cisco Supply, Gatorback Mortar Boards, mortar stand, MultiQuip Mud Tub, Marshall Town trowel & tool bag.

The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award went to Sotero Perez, of J & E Masonry, Grand Prairie, TX earning him \$500 cash, Stabila Level, pair of Jag Clamps, \$100 gift certificate from Cisco Supply, Marshall Town trowel & tool bag.

Justin Pierce, of RP Masonry, Mansfield, TX finished as runner up taking home \$750 cash, Stabila Level, pair of Jag Clamps, \$50 gift certificate from Cisco Supply, Marshall Town trowel & tool bag. Third place went to mason Sotero Perez of J & E Masonry, Grand Prairie, TX who received \$500 cash, Stabila Level, pair of Jag Clamps, \$50 gift certificate from Cisco Supply, Marshall Town trowel & tool bag.



Thursday morning started off with cool temperatures but it quickly turned to sunny skies and a perfect mid 70's for the rest of the day. Many of the contestants this year had never competed in the Bricklayer 500 competition, but they kept up with the most experienced ones.



The 50 / 50 raffle was able to raise almost \$1,100. The final pot was split between the UMCA Masonry Program and the winning ticket holder Leslie Holbrook with RP Masonry. Josh Gray with GG&S Construction was there to accept the donation on behalf of the UMCA.



First Place

Mason – Mario Landeros - 554 Brick
Tender – Cristobal Anguiana
Artisan Masonry – Royce City, TX

2nd Place

Mason – Justin Pierce - 512 Brick
Tender – Michael Pierce
RP Masonry – Mansfield, TX

3rd Place

Mason – Sotero Perez - 426 Brick
Tender – Mauricio Coronade
J & E Masonry – Grand Prairie, TX



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more details about this event go to www.specmixbricklayer500.com

For further information view the [2017 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER World Championship Magazine](#)

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