

Kates Receives Section's Top Welding Inspection Award

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA – MARCH 2, 2009. William Kates of BSK Associates is the recipient of The Dalton E. Hamilton Memorial Certified Welding Inspector of the Year Award. The award, presented by the American Welding Society District 22, Fresno Section, recognizes outstanding performance in the practice of welding inspection.



William Kates

Mr. Kates is an American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) Level II inspector, a California Department of the State Architect (DSA) certified masonry inspector, and an International Council of Building Officials (ICBO) certified inspector for structural steel and masonry. He has over 28 years experience in inspection and welding and has worked for BSK since 2002.

“This award recognizes the service and professionalism that Mr. Kates consistently provides to his clients. It helps set BSK apart in our industry and validates our company values; mentoring our employees and servicing our clients,” stated Walter Plachta, P.G., Fresno Branch Manager. “This is the second time one of BSK’s inspectors has been honored with this award which tells a lot about the caliber of employees we have,” continued Plachta.

Mr. Kates has served on several notable projects including the Clovis Community Hospital expansion project, Table Mountain Casino, and the new Hanford Community Medical Center. Mr. Kates provided testing and inspection services on the recent renovation of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum.

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