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ARDOT Named 2018 Southeastern Regional Roadeo Champions

ROGERS, ARK. (9-17) – The Roadeo trophy has a new home in Arkansas after the 16th Annual Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Roadeo competition.

The event took place September 4th – 6th in scenic Rogers, Arkansas, hosted by the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). The best competitors from Georgia, Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Arkansas, and South Carolina gathered to showcase their skills and use of best safety practices on construction equipment.

The Roadeo began in 2003 as a friendly competition between Arkansas and Mississippi to promote skill advancement for employees whose jobs require the operation of heavy equipment. Throughout the years it has grown to include more states and focuses to increase the safety awareness level of employees working in or around work zones, to increase employee morale and value, to strengthen team spirit and teamwork, and to recognize exceptionally skilled equipment operators in a friendly, competitive atmosphere.

Competition categories included tractor truck with lowboy, tandem axle dump truck, single axle dump truck, tractor/mower, backhoe, and motor grader.

“Each competitor from every state is a reflection of the great work they do,” ARDOT Director Scott Bennett said. “This competition is a chance for everyone to put their skills to the test and learn from one another.”

Each category had first, second, and third place winners. Arkansas won first place in the overall team category, with South Carolina taking second and Tennessee winning third.

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The 2019 Southeastern Regional Rodeo will take place in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Photo Captions:

Team Arkansas: (from left to right) Derek Stroot, Jeff Upton, Jeremy Evans, TJ Pulley, Brian Johnson, Johnny Jason, Director Scott Bennett (with trophy), Stephen Norris, Keith Carpenter, David Pruitt, Eugene Farrell, Chad Foster, and Blake Angel

Team South Carolina: (from left to right) Jeff Kelley, Jeremy Eppers, Michael Rowlen, Cody McAbee, Jeffrey Mullenbach, Jonathan Thomas, Brandon Varnadore, Jacob Courtney, Scott Burgess, Chip Catoe, Ken Hunt, and Jeremy Shrewsberry

Team Tennessee: (from left to right) Mark Smith, Jacob Griggs, Joshua Eggert-Michael, Bryan Patrick, Hunter Butler, Will Austin, Mark Lovelace, Trevor Staggs, Lance Roland, Jason Hicklen, Ricky Byrd, and Wade Ramsey



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