

Q&A: Chris Devecseri, 2016 Delta Team of the Year

Chris Devecseri, a Technician with [Kroon Electric Corporation](#), in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, has been in the electrical industry for nearly a decade and has spent his entire career with the company. He started with the company as an apprentice and has continued to professionally grow.

His dedication to honing his craft and hard work, along with his teammate, Technician Craig Smith, helped Devecseri become half of the TEGG's Delta Team of the Year during the 2017 Continuing Education Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

"The award itself was pretty flattering," Devecseri said. "Everything else has made it an even better experience."

Q: *What made you interested in becoming a technician?*

A: "Prior to my work in the trade, I had attended a year of university studying business administration, but quickly found that was not a career path that met my needs and began looking for alternatives.

"I began working as a tech for a high-tech company, where I was exposed to more of the trades and soon developed a keen interest in the electrical field. The electrical industry combined my want for an intellectual challenge and need for the physical demands of hands-on work."

Q: *What do you credit for your success as a team with your partner?*

A: "I'm fortunate to have a partner with a great deal of knowledge and experience as a tech with multiple O&M vendors. Working alongside someone with Craig Smith's skill sets provides me with motivation to grow, while having a great mentor to help develop my own knowledge and practical skills.

"Coming from different backgrounds allows us to look at problems differently, sometimes capturing different angles and offering a better assessment of the problem at hand."

Q: *What's the most rewarding part of your job?*

A: "Collaborating with other techs in our industry, and others to develop solutions to advanced problems. Each solution becomes a milestone, in terms of personal growth in both knowledge and understanding of these systems."



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Chris Devecseri of Kroon Electric Corporation in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, won the 2016 TEGG Delta Team of the Year Award with teammate Craig Smith.

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Q: *What steps do you think technicians could take to better themselves as part of a Delta Team for a TEGG franchise?*

A: “Be open to opinions and ideas from partners, share experience and knowledge. A team is stronger with all of its members participating, rather than one assuming a lead position and others following.”

Q: *What advice would you offer other technicians to also be successful in their companies?*

A: “Develop an understanding of the other positions within your company, and the relations between each role. Having an understanding of other positions may change how you do something to help provide a more efficient way of completing a task, while opening doors for you to take on greater roles and responsibilities.”

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