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### **Larry Franks of Frye Builders & Associates Named the 2008 *Bill Yeager* CRAFT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Larry Franks, Frye Builders & Associates, Muscatine was named The 2008 *Bill Yeager* Craft Professional of Year. The Bill Yeager Craft Professional of the Year Award was created by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Iowa Board of Directors in 2001 as a tribute to Bill Yeager, a founding member of the Iowa Chapter.

Bill's motivation for advancing the cause of merit shop contractors was to provide an opportunity for young persons to come into the construction trades, learn the profession and become the very best that they can be... a craft professional. Throughout Bill's long time service to ABC of Iowa and this industry, his focus was always on workforce development.

Franks has received this award for exhibiting excellence in the trade and for his ability to handle difficult assignments while demonstrating a commitment to jobsite safety, fostering a team environment and exercising his leadership abilities by transferring his skills, knowledge and experience to others.

Franks has been a carpenter for a quarter of a century. During these 25 years in the field, he has honed his ability to see a risk before it becomes a danger. He makes safety a number one priority for his employees.

Frye Builders & Associates, Inc. built a team of fifteen quality carpenters due in large part to Frank's hands-on involvement with his peers. "Larry has been a key person in our organization and we have trust and confidence in knowing that he will not only lead others, but he will provide his co-workers with the hands-on training and leadership example," says Steve Blaser, Frye Builders & Associates, Inc.

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*Photo Caption:* Left to right: Bill Yeager, ABC Lifetime Member, congratulates Larry Franks, Frye Builders & Associates, Inc., for being named the 2008 Craft Professional of the Year.

