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Charleston County Brings Home First Ever State Backhoe Rodeo Title

Operator Matthew Bishop wins the South Carolina Backhoe rodeo competition

[Charleston County Public Works](#) Operator Matthew Bishop is the [South Carolina American Public Works Association](#) (APWA) Backhoe Rodeo champion. Bishop won the title this weekend at the annual APWA South Carolina Chapter event held in Greenville, SC. This marks the first ever win for Charleston County in the state competition.

"This accomplishment is the payoff to all the hard work Matthew puts in while on the job," said Public Works Director Jim Neal. "This is a proud moment for Charleston County Public Works and we're lucky to have him on the staff."

Competitors must first win local and regional events to move onto the finals at the state level. The state backhoe rodeo is made up of three timed events that require both accuracy and speed. Bishop finished with a 44 second advantage over second place.

"We strive to be the best at every level of county service and Matthew is an example of that effort," said [Charleston County Administrator Kurt Taylor](#).

Matthew Bishop has been with Charleston County for five years and is one of 45 equipment operators on staff with Public Works. Bishop finished third in the state backhoe rodeo last year.

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