

National Blue-Collar Worker Contests to Award Cash to Welders, Masons

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President-elect Vladimir Putin on Thursday announced a competition for the best blue-collar workers in Russia, Interfax reported.

"We have decided to hold a competition for the first time for the five following nominations: the best welder, best mason, best miner, best electrician and best truck driver," Putin said.

The workers in the top three positions will win 300,000, 200,000 and 100,000 rubles respectively. The competition will take place between June and October this year.

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