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NARI Announces National Winners of the 2007 CoTY Awards and 2007 Achievement Awards

Des Plaines, Ill., March 27, 2007---The 2007 Evening of Excellence™ capped a weeklong event for the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) that also included its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, held at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin, Texas, March 22 – 24, 2007.

The Evening of Excellence™, culminating with the Contractor of the Year (CoTY) Awards ceremony, is commonly regarded as the premier event of the year throughout the remodeling industry. Held Saturday, March 24, 2007, the event was attended by more than 400 of the industry's elite and was sponsored by the following NARI national member companies: Platinum Sponsors – Ferguson Enterprises Inc., Stock Building Supply, GE Money, The Home Depot, Pella Corporation; Gold Sponsor – Lowe's; Pewter Sponsors – USG Corporation, 20-20 Technologies; Bronze Sponsors – DuPont Corian, Hanley-Wood *Remodeling* Magazine; Contributing Sponsor – Qualified Remodeler.

Contractors from seven regions around the country vie for the awards on an annual basis. Most projects submitted for judging were an improvement or an addition to an existing structure, with the exception of one category, "Residential Exterior Specialty." Otherwise, new construction projects were not eligible. In addition, competing projects were completed between July 1 of 2005 and November 30 of 2006 and were not submitted in prior NARI National contests. An impartial panel of judges who are experts within the industry and associated fields, selected winners based on each entrant's "before and after" photography and project description. Judging was based on problem

solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation.

Twenty seven national COTY winners were named at this year's ceremony. Preliminary judging took place at the association's national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois, in early January, where regional winners were announced in each of the categories.

These regional winners advanced as finalists at the national level. To be considered, a company must be a NARI member in good standing. NARI members represent a select group from the approximately 800,000 companies and individuals in the U.S. identifying themselves as professional remodelers.

The complete list of national COTY award winners for 2007 is as follows:

Residential Kitchen Under \$30,000

Region #5 South Central
Curb Appeal Renovations, Inc.
Keller, TX

Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000

Region #2 Southeast
Crane Builders, LLC
Nashville, TN

Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000

Region #5 South Central
CG & S Design-Build
Austin, TX

Residential Kitchen Over \$100,000

Region #6 Northwest
Oswego Design & Remodeling
Lake Oswego, OR

Residential Bath Under \$30,000

Region #3 North Central
DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen by Worldwide
Saint Louis Park, MN

Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000

Region #7 Southwest
PS Construction, Inc.
Sacramento, CA

Residential Bath Over \$60,000

Region #1 Northeast
Lee Kimball Kitchens, Inc.

Winchester, MA

Residential Interior \$100,000 and Under

Region #4 East Central
Michael Matrka, Inc.
Columbus, OH

Residential Interior Over \$100,000

Region #4 East Central
Buckeye Basements
Delaware, OH

Residential Interior Specialty

Region #1 Northeast
Brett King Builder Contractor, Inc.
Quakertown, PA

Residential Addition Under \$100,000

Region #3 North Central
Knight Construction Design, Inc.
Chanhassen, MN

Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000

Region #5 South Central
von Gillern Construction
Dallas, TX

Residential Addition Over \$250,000

Region #4 East Central
Rochman Design-Build
Ann Arbor, MI

Residential Exterior Under \$100,000

Region #6 Northwest
Master Plan Remodeling Design/Build
Portland, OR

Residential Exterior \$100,000 and Over

Region #2 Southeast
The Levine Group Architects + Builders, Inc.
Silver Spring, MD

Residential Exterior Specialty

Region #2 Southeast
Home Rebuilders, Inc.
Atlanta, GA

Entire House Under \$250,000

Region #6 Northwest
Cottage Craft Construction
Portland, OR

Entire House \$250,000 to \$500,000

Region #5 South Central
Capital Improvements
Allen, TX

Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000

Region #7 Southwest
William E. Carter Company with Team Member Mary Ann Downey Interior Design
Sacramento, CA

Entire House Over \$1,000,000

Region #2 Southeast
Handcrafted Homes, Inc.
Roswell, GA

Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration

Region #4 East Central
Finish Line Building, Inc.
Columbus, OH

Residential Universal Design

Region #7 Southwest
Lytle Construction
Sacramento, CA

Commercial Interior

Region #7 Southwest
Alward Construction Company, Inc.
Berkeley, CA

Commercial Exterior

Region #5 South Central
R. M. Thompson Co.
Richardson, TX

Commercial Specialty

Region #1 Northeast
Applied Construction Services, Inc.
Babylon, NY

Home Theater & Media Rooms Under \$150,000

Region #3 North Central
Kerzner, Inc.
Oconomowoc, WI

Home Theater & Media Rooms \$150,000 and Over

Region #2 Southeast
BOWA Builders, Inc.
McLean, VA

In addition to the CotY Awards, there were 12 categories of Achievement Awards handed out in Austin. The Achievement Awards are bestowed on an annual basis, and in most cases, the recipient must be nominated. An exception is the "Henry Spies Superstar Award," which recognizes three individuals – a Certified Remodeler (CR) and a Certified Lead Carpenter (CLC) and a Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler (CKBR) who achieved the highest score on the written certification exam during the previous calendar year. The CR, CLC and CKBR are designations within NARI's certification program.

The remaining categories are designed to recognize outstanding achievement by an individual, company or chapter that serves to promote and enhance the professional remodeling industry.

The complete list of national Achievement Award winners for 2007 is as follows:

Marc Ridenour, CR
2007 Henry Spies CR Superstar Award
For the highest CR score achieved in 2006
Natural Breeze Remodeling, Inc.
Lawrence, KS

John Audet, CKBR
2007 Henry Spies CKBR Superstar Award
For the highest CKBR score achieved in 2006
Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.
Bethesda, MD

Charlie DeVries, CLC
2007 Henry Spies CLC Superstar Award
For the highest CLC score achieved in 2006
Metzler Remodeling
Kansas City, MO

2007 John Quaregna Award for Young Remodeling Professionals
Mike Lange, from Oberfield's, Inc. in Delaware, OH

2007 Professionalism Award
Renee Rewiski, from Remodeling News Magazine in Ramsey, NJ

2007 Local Chapter Community Project Award
NARI of Madison in Madison, WI

2007 Peter H Johnson Image Award
Renee Rewiski, from Remodeling News Magazine in Ramsey, NJ
NARI of Central Ohio in Westerville, OH

2007 Harold Hammerman Spirit of Education Award
Diane Ausavich, CR from Carl Krueger Construction, Inc. from Milwaukee, WI

2007 Local Chapter President Award
Fred Spaulding from NARI of Houston in Houston, TX

2007 Lifetime Achievement Award
Paul Winans, CR from Winans Construction in Oakland, CA
Walt Stoepplewerth

2007 President's Awards Recipients for outstanding service to NARI during
2006-2007:

Michael Hamman
Anna Mavrakis, IDS
Carroll Bogard
Elsie Iturralde
Dean Herriges, CR, CKBR
Nina Winans, CR

The remodeling market, a \$291.5 billion industry in the U.S. in 2006, is expected to continue to experience significant growth. It is estimated that more than a million homes per year undergo major renovation or remodeling.

NARI is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics. Consumers may wish to search www.RemodelToday.com to find a qualified professional who is a member of NARI.

Consumers can also call the NARI National hotline at 800-611-NARI and request a free copy of NARI's brochure, "How to Select a Remodeling Professional," or visit www.RemodelToday.com and click on the homeowner's guide for more information.

About NARI: The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. With more than 7,000 member companies nationwide, the Association -- based in Des Plaines, Illinois — is "The Voice of the Remodeling Industry."™ For membership information, or to locate a local NARI chapter or a remodeling professional, visit NARI's Web site at www.RemodelToday.com, or contact the national headquarters office at 800-611-NARI.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: HIGH-RES BEFORE & AFTER PHOTOS OF WINNING
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