

Press Release



Association of home remodelers announces 'Contractor of the Year' winners *Innovative, stunning remodeling projects claim top honors for 14 Twin Cities remodeling firms*

Minneapolis (November 15, 2006) – The Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) yesterday honored 14 Twin Cities remodeling firms with the prestigious 2006 Contractor of the Year (COTY) awards. Awards were given in 20 categories, as well as a “best of show.” Additionally, each category had an honorable mention winner. The awards were presented Nov. 14 at the 10th annual Contractor of the Year awards ceremony. The COTY winner:

Residential Kitchen \$50,000-75,000

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Contractors from central Minnesota vie for COTY awards on an annual basis. All projects submitted for judging were an improvement or an addition to an existing structure. An impartial panel of nine 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.

To be considered for a COTY Award, a company must be a NARI member in good standing. NARI members represent an elite group from the approximately 800,000 companies and individuals in the U.S. identifying themselves as remodelers.

NARI of Minnesota is a Chapter of The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. With more than 7,000 member companies nationwide, the Association is “*The Voice of the Remodeling Industry*”TM. For membership and chapter information, or for more on the COTY Awards, visit the NARI MN website at www.narimn.org or contact the headquarters at 612-332-NARI.

The remodeling market, a \$230 billion industry in the U.S. in 2003, 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.narimn.org to find a qualified professional who is a member of NARI or contact the headquarters at 612-332-NARI for a copy of the consumer directory, “*Remodeling Today*.”