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### **Local Contractor Wins Prestigious National Award**

Pittsburgh, Pa. - J. Francis Company has been selected by *Remodeling* magazine as a winner of the 2005 Big50 Award. The Big50 awards were presented at a gala dinner at the Remodeling Leadership Conference at the Ritz Carlton in Washington, D.C. on May 20, 2005. Winning companies are featured in the May issue of *Remodeling* magazine.

“We are very excited to receive this prestigious award,” said John McCloskey, President of J. Francis Company. “The Big50 Award recognizes excellence & leadership & we are honored to be named to this select group of remodelers.

Each year *Remodeling* magazine inducts 50 companies who have set the standard for professionalism & integrity, exemplary business practices, and significant impact in both their community & industry. Big50 remodelers run successful, growing companies that have taken the lead in raising industry standards. Following a lengthy evaluation process which includes interviews with people at the nominated companies, as well as interviews with their competitors, suppliers, and subcontractors, *Remodeling* editors select the 50 remodelers who exemplify the very best of the industry & who have something to offer other remodelers in proven practices.

*Remodeling* magazine, published by Hanley Wood, LLC is the leading publication in the home improvement industry. The magazine is both a business tool and an industry leader for a market that is projected to reach more than \$250 billion this year.