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J. Francis Company Named NARI 2005 Contractor of the Year!

Pittsburgh, Pa, ---The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) named J. Francis Company, located on the North Side of Pittsburgh, 2005 Regional Contractor of the Year (CotY) in the "Residential Interior Over \$100,000" category of its annual awards competition. J. Francis Company competed in the Northeast region including 10 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island & Vermont. J. Francis Company has been in business for 17 years and does residential, commercial and institutional renovations.

The award was earned from the renovation for Carole & Larry Farley of Gateway Towers Condominiums. The Farley's purchased three separate units totaling 4,000 square feet with sweeping, panoramic views of the city from three out of four sides of the building. The Farley's goal was a feeling of openness and space. This challenge was met by drawing light into the interior rooms from the long rows of windows as well as the use of a curved glass block wall in the master bedroom/master bathroom. Custom art glass doors were utilized to enhance the natural lighting in the hallways. John McCloskey, owner of J. Francis Company described the project as a complete gut and redo. The project was completed in the extremely short timeframe of six months.

Bruce Adlard of Adlard Interiors worked closely to dovetail product selections in reference to color and texture. The Farley's goal for their kitchen was maximum workspace, traffic flow, and open sightlines. Mike Bonato of Excel Kitchen Center designed the thoroughly modern kitchen featuring custom cherry Mouser cabinets, custom cut granite countertops with commercial-grade appliances by Wolf, SubZero and Dacor. The living room boasts an exquisite view of the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh and features a custom built limestone electric fireplace.

Contractors from seven regions around the country vie for CotY Awards on an annual basis, and all regional winners will be eligible for National CotY Awards at NARI's Evening of Excellence on April 2 in Chicago. Judging for regional awards took place at the Association's national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois in February, 2005. 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.

J. Francis Company is a member of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, an organization with 7,000 members representing the remodeling industry. To be eligible 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 is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to strict code of ethics.