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PAINTING CONTRACTOR RECEIVES PDCA'S PIPP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PAINTING *Achievement Recognized at National Convention*

(ST. LOUIS – February 2009) The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) selected Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors for their work on the NJCDC – William Waldman Independence House, Great Falls Historic District as recipient of the 2009 Commercial Exterior PIPP: Picture It Painted Professionally Award, which annually brings recognition to the outstanding projects of PDCA's professional painting and decorating contractors.

The award was bestowed earlier this year during the PDCA Awards Program at the association's Paint and Coatings Expo (PACE) mega convention and trade show in New Orleans. "PDCA is honored to be able to recognize Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors for their exceptional work. The awards program is a very special event where members can be honored and recognized by their peers for their craftsmanship", Beth Horan, CPA, PDCA Interim CEO stated.

New Jersey Community Development Corporation (NJCDC) is a private, non-profit community development and social service agency founded in 1994 with a mission of creating opportunities to transform lives. William Waldman Independence House provides housing and supportive services for young people in their final years in the foster care system.

The William Waldman Independence House was originally constructed in 1881 as the Administration Building of the Rogers Locomotive Works. Alpine Painting was hired for the sign re-painting. Since this project was so detail oriented, Alpine utilized a small crew of 4 men to work from October 29th through November 12th. Time was of the essence due to the rapidly approaching cold weather and a completion date of November 15th.

Alpine worked with Sherwin Williams to change the paint specification to lower temperate coating. Because this was the rehabilitation of a Historic Building the Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Commission worked hand in hand to ensure Alpine was able to recreate the most precise representation of the existing

signage. The sign painting portion of the project was challenging for several reasons: The letters, numbers and pictures on the existing signs were not completely visible. Many of the sign surfaces had to be hand cleaned so as to not remove any more of the painted lettering. Alpine was able to obtain a few old photos to assist with distinguishing the letters and words, but many of the letters were created by free hand. Alpine matched the font to be a very close representation of Copperplate Gothic Bold. Once Alpine was able to identify all of the wording they provided their men with a computer generated layout of each word to be painted in the appropriate font to ensure each word was recreated as accurately as possible. Overall, the project was a huge success. Alpine was able to finish this project prior to the cold weather and met the customer's deadline. The NJCDC was so pleased they asked Alpine to bid the entire interior, three story painting project at their facility.

Founded in 1884, PDCA represents the interests of professional painting and decorating contractors nationwide. Among the most prominent objectives of PDCA are the enhancement and further development of the painting and decorating profession and industry.

Today, PDCA represents the interests of over 5,000 owners and top-flight managers from more than 2,500 painting and decorating firms across the U.S. and Canada.

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