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**Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Remodeling Industry
Announces New Certified Remodeling Professionals**

Newton Centre, MA, July 2008 – The Eastern Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) will recognize at its September Dinner Meeting eighteen of its members who recently completed the certification process. These remodeling professionals finished the rigorous programs that are geared to maintain high professional standards among members of EM NARI.

Eight members became Green Certified Professionals (the newest certification program offered), one member became a Certified Remodeler, eight members became the Certified Lead Carpenters, and one became a Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler.

These EM NARI members have completed the two-month study program and have taken and passed a six-hour written exam. EM NARI is also proud to announce they are one of two chapters that currently has eight GCPs within its organization.

Green Certified Professional (GCP)

Paul Morse, CR, GCP, CAPS, Morse Constructions, Somerville, MA
Jack Crimmins, CR, GCP, Crimmins Construction, Wayland, MA
Paul Langione, CR, GCP, Langione Bros., Inc., Boston, MA
David Morgan, CR, CGP, D.R.M. Design/Build, Southboro, MA
Kyle Dube, GCP, Project Plus Design, Princeton, MA
Mark Philben, CR, CLC, GCP, Charlie Allen Restorations, Cambridge, MA
Roger Gallagher, CR, CLC, GCP, Gallagher Remodeling, Belmont, MA
Daniel Glickman, CR, CKBR, GCP, Sustainable Construction Services, Inc., Sherborn, MA

Certified Remodeler (CR)

Joseph Kupstas, CR, Goodfellas Construction Mgmt, LLC, Worcester, MA

Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler (CKBR)

Bob Williams, CR, CLC, CKBR, Star Construction, Inc., W. Newbury, MA

Certified Lead Carpenter (CLC)

John Ricciarelli, CLC, Morrison Remodeling & Repairs, Beverly, MA
Dave Katinas, CLC, Goodfellas Construction Mgmt. LLC, Worcester, MA
George Johnson, CLC, Goodfellas Construction Mgmt. LLC, Worcester, MA
Jeff Snay, CLC, Goodfellas Construction Mgmt. LLC, Worcester, MA
Dave Mitchell, CLC, HTR Construction Company, Bedford, MA
Stephen Gilgun, CLC, HTR Construction Company, Bedford, MA
Edson Medeiros, CLC, HTR Construction Company, Bedford, MA
Shaun Hubacheck, CLC, HTR Construction Company, Bedford, MA

The NARI certification program establishes high professional standards for the remodeling industry; standards on which homeowners can rely. The standards also ensure that the remodeling professional you invite into your home, whom you are asking to change your home, has participated in extensive education, testing and review.

Earning the letters is not an easy task. Here is a summary of what is required:

- Applicants must be currently employed by, or own a firm engaged in, the remodeling business, which means that novice and part-times cannot be certified through NARI.
- Applicants must have been employed in the remodeling industry for a period of five years -- a significant achievement in this highly competitive industry.
- Applicants must submit a comprehensive application detailing industry background and experience. You will have the comfort of knowing that industry professionals have carefully scrutinized this individual's background.
- Applicants must successfully complete a one-day written exam. Most applicants attend one of NARI's structured Study Groups in order to pass the exam. To become certified, these remodelers dedicate numerous hours and enormous effort to learn the latest trends and stay current on industry standards.
- Applicants who achieve certification must complete continuing education requirements to retain their designations. It is not an easy ride after a remodeler becomes certified by NARI. Each one must meet the minimum educational requirements established by NARI. Most choose to attend additional industry-related seminars, workshops and meetings each year to maintain their educational edge on the competition.

Hiring a certified remodeler or lead carpenter could add that extra level of confidence you want when starting a big or small remodeling project.

“Certification shows an interest level beyond the average remodeler or carpenter. To become certified, a person must decide to be a step above the rest. They have to dedicate time to study and take an examination which shows that they have reached a high level of competency in their field,” says Bill Farnsworth, CR, CLC, president, Custom Contracting, Arlington, MA, and president of EM NARI. “In today's business world, it takes this extra dedication and knowledge to be successful. So the benefits that I receive from the certification process -- education, motivation to move ahead in my industry, and networking with my peers -- in the end really benefit my clients.”

Eastern Massachusetts Chapter (EM NARI) is part of a national not-for-profit trade association with nearly 7,600 member companies nationwide, representing more than 100,000 remodeling industry professionals. EM NARI is committed to enhancing the professionalism of the remodeling industry and serving as an ally to homeowners. For information about EM NARI, call Ann Dube' at (508) 907-6249 or visit www.emnari.org.

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