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## Local contractor gets “green” certification for remodeling One of only 8 in Pittsburgh area as a “PA Home Energy Service Provider”

(PITTSBURGH)— On August 6th, Regis McQuaide, president and founder of Master Remodelers Inc., was officially granted Certified Building Analyst status. He had passed the rigorous 2-week home science/engineering/technology course, including field and written tests. Now he and the business are certified\* to “deliver whole-house energy savings to improve comfort while reducing home energy use.” (see details in footnote)



www.pahomeenergy.com



www.energystar.gov

Launching a new “green” direction for Master Remodelers, McQuaide is currently remodeling a home in the South Hills where he is applying his new knowledge and passion for home performance. He is also promoting Home Energy Audits to his new customers to help them combat future higher energy costs as a result of utility deregulation. During September he is offering a drawing on his website for a free Home Energy Audit. Valued at \$600, it includes blower door technology and an infrared camera to assess a home’s energy efficiency. A thorough written analysis with recommendations is presented by his energy auditor.

Regis is also a Certified Graduate Remodeler; a member of the Green Building Alliance, ASID, Building Performance Institute; a board member of the Pittsburgh Builders Association... and a former Michigan State Big 10 Conference Champion and Philadelphia Eagles football player.

### Celebrating a 20 years in 2008

It all started 20 years ago when Regis had a bad experience with a remodeling contractor and said to his wife “I can do better than that.” That changed his future.



At the time Regis had been gaining valuable sales and management skills while employed by Pepsi Cola and Tonka Corporations. Having grown up in a family of remodelers, plumbers and craftsmen, in 1988 he launched the company on a shoe string. Since then Regis and his crews have remodeled more than 1,000 homes in Allegheny County. He prides himself on the company’s award-winning design, planning, craftsmanship and reliability. Regis also believes strongly in the synergy and efficiency of being a “design and build” contractor, employing his own designer who also holds multiple certifications, including Certified Green Professional.

### September 28th presentation: “What Shade of Green Are You”

At the second annual Pittsburgh Design Fair for House and Garden, Regis will lead a workshop about his 20-year journey, his learning experiences and his newest passion, Green Remodeling. He is also a sponsor and exhibitor at the day-long Design Fair— featuring a “green” theme this year—held in conjunction with the Deutschtown House Tour.

### Refining the future of his company

As a result of his company’s new “green” direction and its ongoing growth, he has launched a rebranding process. A new logo and tagline are part of that effort and have just been unveiled on his website, also to be retooled soon. ([www.MasterRemodelersInc.com](http://www.MasterRemodelersInc.com))



Remodel **GREEN**  
Realize the **SAVINGS**  
Be part of the **SOLUTION**

\* NOTE: Certification according to the standards of the Building Performance Institute (BPI) and the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET), as well as PA Home Energy and ENERGY STAR.

**Regis McQuaide**, president

Certified Graduate Remodeler, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)  
 Certified Building Analyst, Building Performance Institute  
 Energy Rater, Residential Energy Services Network  
 B.A., Communications, Michigan State University

**Junko Higashibeppu**, designer and project manager

Certified Kitchen Designer, National Kitchen & Bath Association  
 Certified Graduate Remodeler, NAHB  
 Certified Green Professional, NAHB  
 B.A., Architecture, Tokai University (Tokyo, Japan)

**Crews:** The company employs 15-20 craftsmen and construction professionals, depending on the season. Since its founding in 1988, it has remodeled more than 1,000 homes in Allegheny county.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Interior Designers, *committee member*  
 Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, *board member*  
 Building Performance Institute  
 Green Building Alliance  
 National Association of Home Builders  
 National Kitchen and Bath Association  
 Pennsylvania Builders Association

**AWARDS**

**The Big 50**—one of the 50 best remodeling companies in the US, *Remodeling Magazine*  
**Kitchen Renovation of the Year**—kitchens over \$50,000, Builders & Realtors Associations of Metropolitan Pittsburgh  
**Custom Addition of the Year**—Honorable Mention for Additions \$100,000 - \$250,000, Builders & Realtors Associations of Metropolitan Pittsburgh.  
**Achievements in Excellence**—2nd Place: Additions Over \$120,000, Remodelers Council.  
**Achievements in Excellence**—1st Place: Best Exterior Over \$25,000, Remodelers Council.  
**Achievements in Excellence**—Best Specialty Project, Remodelers Council.  
**Achievements in Excellence**—Best Interior Renovation, Remodelers Council.  
**Remodeler of the Year**—Design & Construction, National Association of the Remodeling Industry  
**Remodeler of the Year**—Design & Construction, NARI

**SUPPLIERS & PARTNERS**

Anderson Windows	Artemis Environmental Building Materials
Aztec Decking & Moulding	Baldwin Brass Hardware
Benjamin Moore Paints	Brookside Lumber
Colucci Tile & Marble	Crescent Supply
Dacor Appliances	Don's Appliances
Kohler Plumbing Fixtures	Marvin Windows & Doors
Velux Skylights	West Penn Energy Audits