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Restoration Industry Association Competition to Recognize Excellence in Restoration & Reconstruction

Columbia, MD – The Restoration Industry Association (RIA) has closed the nominations process for its 2011 Phoenix Awards for Innovation in Restoration and Reconstruction.

The competition provides the opportunity for restoration firms to illustrate their knowledge, creativity and ability to preserve and restore buildings damaged by fires, floods and other perils.

One of the projects submitted to this year's competition is the Off The Street Club (OTSC), Chicago's oldest boys and girls club, which serves more than 3,000 inner city children each year. The 100-year-old building housing the club suffered major damage and flooding due to a series of thunderstorms and high winds that swept through the Chicagoland area last June. Winds blew the roof off of the building and then dislodged the fire suppression system, allowing thousands of gallons of water to flood all three levels.

Alliance Disaster Kleenup (ADK) of Northbrook, IL, was onsite shortly after the roof collapsed and devised a temporary solution that protected the building from further damage in subsequent storms. Within a week the building was dry, secure and safe enough for the reconstruction process to begin. When the project was completed, the cost savings to OTSC ranged from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

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“These projects are prime examples of the creativity, knowledge and ingenuity required by restoration professionals on a daily basis,” explained RIA’s Director of Standards & Communications, Patricia Harman, who coordinates the competition. “No two projects are ever the same, and the scope and caliber of the projects submitted is truly impressive.”

The judging process is currently underway and the winners of the awards for excellence in restoration and reconstruction will be announced at the RIA Leadership Summit and Industry Expo at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., on March 9.

One of the sessions at the RIA Leadership Summit this year will feature some of the previous Phoenix Award winners and highlight the challenges involved with those projects.

For more information on the Phoenix Awards program or the RIA Leadership Summit, visit www.restorationindustry.org.

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The Restoration Industry Association (formerly the Association of Specialists in Cleaning & Restoration) has more than 1,300 member firms worldwide. RIA provides industry leadership, supports science, and promotes best practices for cleaning and restoration. More information is available on the RIA website at www.restorationindustry.org.