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Original Rainwater Pillow to the Rescue

Rainwater Collection Solutions Inc. has donated a 1,000-gallon and a 100-gallon Original Rainwater Pillow to be used by a medical team at the Hospice House Matthew 25 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. ServeHaiti, a non-profit, faith-based organization working to improve Haiti's quality of life, has sent a medical team to join others in providing extensive treatment for victims of the recent earthquakes. The Original Rainwater Pillows will serve as storage for potable water and as a means to then transport the water. The pillows are NSF-approved and FDA-compliant for potable water, and provide excellent strength and durability, along with more than 20 years of UV resistance. For more information, visit www.ServeHaiti.org and www.rainwaterpillow.com.

Regional CotY Winners Announced

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) named 140 Regional Contractor of the Year (CotY) award winners in January, each of which is eligible to receive the National CotY Award during the Evening of Excellence ceremony held in Phoenix on April 10. Below are this year's Atlanta-area winners. Visit www.nari.org for a complete, regional list.

Magnet Construction Services, McDonough
Residential Kitchen \$80,001-\$120,000

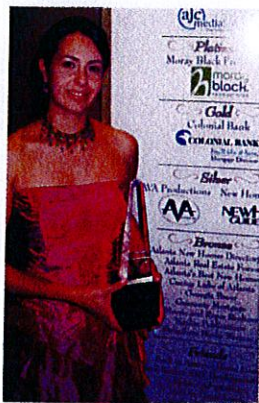
Revival Construction, Atlanta
Residential Addition Under \$100,000

Harbour Towne Construction, Inc., Atlanta
Residential Addition \$100,000-\$250,000

RD Endeavors, LLC dba Battle Renovations, Buford
Residential Exterior Under \$100,000

Handcrafted Homes, Inc., Roswell
Entire House Under \$250,000

Renewal Design Build, Decatur
Entire House \$250,000-\$500,000



Homebuilder Receives Gold OBIE Award

H&G Construction Concepts LLC received the Gold OBIE Award for its renovation efforts at the historic Bricks Apartments in Roswell. The Atlanta Homebuilders Association annually recognizes outstanding achievement in building, marketing and remodeling with the OBIE Awards. "We are proud to be recognized among some of the best builders in the Atlanta area," says Paula Henao, partner at H&G. The Bricks, constructed circa 1893, is one of Metro Atlanta's oldest

structures. The Greek-Revival building also holds the title of the nation's oldest brick apartment building. For more information on the project, call (404) 423-5529 or visit www.hgconstructionconcepts.com.

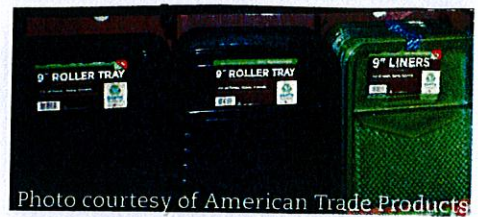


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Painting with Plastic

American Trade Products (ATP) has introduced a line of 100-percent biodegradable and recyclable paint trays and accessories made with a breakthrough material called Earth Plastic. Unlike traditional plastics, which do not biodegrade, Earth Plastic products break down in landfills and compost environments. The paint trays and accessories are made primarily from recycled plastic water bottles, saving millions of bottles from entering landfills each year. ATP's Earth Plastic painting accessories are currently available at The Home Depot, Sherwin-Williams and select Wal-Mart stores. For additional information, visit www.earthplastic.com.



Leesa Carter

USGBC Georgia Chapter Announces Executive Director

Last October, the Georgia Chapter of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) appointed Leesa Carter as its Executive Director. Carter, a Wake Forest University alumna, is working to implement the USGBC's mission of improving the built environment to make high-performance, healthy buildings available to everyone in Georgia within a generation. Previously, Carter held the position of Director of Consumer Education and Director of Field Marketing for two organic-product companies. For more information, please visit www.usgbcga.org.