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# 2004 CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Contractor of the Year (CotY) awards are given each year by the Atlanta chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) to members who have demonstrated outstanding work through their remodeling projects. In December, CotY award-winners in 14 categories were honored for projects ranging from kitchen and bath remodels to whole-house renovations and additions. This month, we introduce the companies that won awards. In next month's issue, we will publish before-and-after photos of the winning projects.

Photos by Jan Stittleburg



Brad Doss

## Academy Construction Inc.

RESIDENTIAL ADDITION \$100,000 to \$250,000

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN Over \$100,000

Founded in 1978 by Brad Doss, **Academy Construction Inc.** specializes in high-end renovations in the Brookhaven, Buckhead, Midtown and Vinings areas. They complete between eight and 10 custom projects a year and have four full-time employees. Academy Construction Inc.'s focus is on high-end quality consciousness.

## Finishing Touches Interiors

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN Under \$30,000

**Finishing Touches Interiors** is owned by Jim Farrell and Scott Loyed, who started it five years ago after leaving the advertising business. The company specializes in kitchen renovations and offers its clients a broad range of unique services from faux finishing to custom-built cabinetry, stonework and all aspects of interior design. All of the work except plumbing and electrical is performed by the two partners.



Jim Farrell

## Home ReBuilders Inc.

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN \$60,001 to \$100,000

RESIDENTIAL ADDITION Over \$250,000

RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR

**Home ReBuilders Inc.** is a 23-year-old Atlanta design/build firm that specializes in turnkey solutions to remodeling needs. They have come to be recognized for additions, kitchens, baths, ranch conversions and whole-house renovations. Their architectural and design services, combined with their craftsmen and field crews, bring an entire project under one roof, with shared responsibility for a creative and focused project.



Bill Bartlett

## Hunter Reising Design Build Inc.

RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR  
Over \$100,000

Formed in 1997 by Evan Hunter and Craig Reising, **Hunter Reising Design Build Inc.** maintains this company philosophy: "The bitterness of poor quality long outlives the sweetness of good price."



Craig Reising & Evan Hunter

## RLS Construction Inc.

ENTIRE HOUSE \$250,000 to \$500,000  
RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY

RLS Construction Inc.'s mission is to provide superior residential construction services throughout metro Atlanta. They accomplish this through job-site craftsmanship, professional project management and sensitivity to client needs and lifestyles. They team with Atlanta's best residential architects and designers to offer homes customized to each family's unique requirements. RLS was incorporated in 1991, and currently has five people on the remodeling/construction side and six on the window installation crew.



Rich Sokolowski & Jan Studdard

## Rothman Enterprises

ENTIRE HOUSE Under \$250,000

**Rothman Enterprises**, started in 1988, specializes in high-end remodeling. Working inside the Perimeter, Rothman has worked in the neighborhoods of Sherwood Forest, Morningside and Inman Park. A Certified Remodeler, he says, "It's really a one-man show with part-time office help."



Michael Rothman



**Jerome Quinn**

## SawHorse Inc.

RESIDENTIAL ADDITION Under \$100,000

RESIDENTIAL BATH Under \$30,000

Started in 1981, **SawHorse Inc.** works mainly inside I-285 and also in the Roswell and Alpharetta areas. These two CoTY awards are the 95<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> awards in design and professionalism they've received since they started. With 27 employees, they offer full-service design/build. They are gaining recognition both locally and nationally for their "zero punch" program where they strive to eliminate the final punch list for clients at the end of a job. In the last 3½ years, they have closed 90 to 100 jobs with no punch list.

## Small Carpenters at Large Inc.

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN \$30,000 to \$60,000

RESIDENTIAL BATH \$30,000 to \$60,000

**Small Carpenters at Large Inc.** is an award-winning design/build residential remodeling company. They have been providing in-town Atlanta with 25 years of quality craftsmanship, creative design, small and specialty projects and full-scale remodeling. Their pledge is to have every customer say they were glad they hired Small Carpenters at Large, and that they would do it again.

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**Danny Feig-Sandoval**

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

Carolina Lumber and Supply Company

Eric Fox

### SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR

Atlas Disposal

### JERRY MCDANIEL AWARD

Warner McConaughy

### OUTSTANDING MEMBER

Jim Miglionico

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Lou Alvarado

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A NARI DIRECTOR 2004

Rich Sokolowski • Peter Bourget • Carl Seville

## JUDGES

**Karen Ferguson**  
Harrison Design Associates

**Rick Hatch**  
Harrison Design Associates

**Alyssa Farris**  
Today's Custom Home

**Chris Sherry**  
Brenau University

**Lisa Mowry**  
Better Homes & Gardens

**Jamila Dorsey**  
Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles

**Dona Halliday**  
Atlanta Home Improvement