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## **PAINTING CONTRACTOR RECEIVES HONOR FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO ORGANIZATION**

*Achievement Recognized at National Convention*

(ST. LOUIS – January 28, 2008) The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA), selected painting contractor Mario Guertin of Painting In Partnership, Inc. as recipient of its Richard A. Liddeke Distinguished Service Award, which annually recognizes a member who embodies integrity, professionalism and devotion to advancing the goals of PDCA.

The 2008 award was bestowed earlier this year during the PDCA Awards Program at the association's Paint and Coatings Expo (PACE) mega convention and trade show in Los Angeles.

Owner of Painting In Partnership, Inc., a PDCA member since 1989, the first PDCA Accredited Contractor, winner of several Picture It Painted Professionally (PIPP) Awards, Founding President of the PDCA Craftsmanship Forum and National Board Member for 10 years, Mario is no stranger to PDCA.

Mario came into the painting industry in 1989 with a strong business background, which includes an MBA, a CPA, and a BBA. However, knowing little about the painting industry, Mario set out to learn as much as possible about how to build a great painting company by joining the PDCA and surrounding himself with the most successful painting contractors he could find.

Mario's passion for the painting industry, coupled with his commitment to be of service to all participants in the industry, has enabled him to lead Painting In Partnership, Inc. into becoming a company with national notoriety for its craftsmanship and corporate excellence. In 2006, the company won the National Residential Interior Award. In 2007, the company made a sweep of the national awards for mid-size companies by winning both the Interior and Exterior National Residential Awards. Lastly, in 2007, Mario was chosen as Top Honoree for Residential Small Business in the "Who's Who in the Painting Industry," published by the *American Painting Contractor*, a painting industry publication since 1923. In 2007, Painting In Partnership, Inc. also won the Grand Prize for the TOP JOB Award offered by the *American Painting Contractor* magazine.

Founded in 1884, PDCA represents the interests of professional painting and decorating contractors nationwide. Among the most prominent objectives of PDCA are the enhancement and further development of the painting and decorating profession and industry.

Today, PDCA represents the interests of over 5,000 owners and top-flight managers from more than 2,500 painting and decorating firms across the U.S. and Canada.

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