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Nick Richmond and Brian Barrick of Matrix Basement Systems Honored With Big50 Award

Chicago, Illinois - May 12th, 2014 – Nick Richmond and Brian Barrick, owners of Matrix Basement Systems, Inc. and Matrix Manufacturing, USA have been selected by REMODELING magazine to join the REMODELING Big50. The Big50 awards were presented at a gala dinner at the Remodeling Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, on May 8, 2014. The 2014 Big50 winners are featured in the May issue of REMODELING, a national trade publication read by more than 130,000 professional remodeling contractors, with longer profiles of the winners posted on the REMODELING website, remodelingmag.com.

Each year since 1986, the REMODELING Big50 inducts 50 owners of remodeling companies that have set exceptionally high standards for professionalism and integrity through exemplary business practices, craftsmanship, and impact in their community or the industry at large. Big50 remodelers run successful, often growing, companies of various sizes that have taken the lead in raising industry standards.

The Big50 selection process has become increasingly rigorous in recent years, and the result, REMODELING editors believe, is one of the strongest classes to date. "Uniting the 2014 inductees are high standards and a determination to rebound following the recession — taking the opportunity to retool systems and processes— ensuring that they are poised to meet their sales, production, and customer-service goals and continue to thrive," according to REMODELING.

"We are very honored to receive this distinction," says Nick Richmond, President of Matrix Basement Systems, Inc. "The award recognizes excellence and leadership, and we are privileged to be named to this select group of remodelers."

REMODELING editors, columnists, industry leaders, and the companies themselves make the nominations each year. Following a lengthy evaluation and interview process, the editors select the 50 individuals who exemplify the best of the industry that year, and who have something to offer other remodelers in proven practices.

REMODELING, published by Hanley Wood, LLC, is the leading publication in the home improvement industry. REMODELING has and continues to be the indispensable tool that remodelers cannot do without—delivering the business know-how, product and technical information that home improvement pros need to help make smart decisions that will shape their project success.

About Matrix

Based in Arlington Heights, Illinois, Matrix Basement Systems, Inc. is the largest basement finishing contractor in the Midwest. Founded in 2009, Matrix has provided homeowners with a non-toxic, energy-efficient, waterproof, mold proof, paintable wall system that is quickly and easily installed, and protects basements from water and moisture damage for years to come. Matrix has brought dry basement environments and great basement design services to more than 1,000 homes across the Chicagoland and Detroit areas. The innovation of successful entrepreneurs Nick Richmond and Brian Barrick has not only impacted residential construction, but their recent launch of Matrix Manufacturing, USA is the Midwest's biggest producer of Basement SIPS, MgO-Board, Tyroc Subflooring™, and Panel Lamination services. With more than 100 employees spread across multiple locations in Illinois and Michigan, Matrix Basement Systems is a leader in the basement remodeling industry and will continue to be an innovator in green building and home performance materials.

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