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Otogawa-Anschel Design-Build Wins Two Regional Contractor of the Year Awards

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Otogawa-Anschel Design-Build was named 2006 Regional Contractor of the Year (COTY) in the Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000 and Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration categories of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) annual awards competition.

Contractors from seven regions around the country vie for COTY Awards on an annual basis, and all regional winners will be eligible for National COTY Awards at NARI's Evening of ExcellenceSM on March 18th in San Francisco. Judging was based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation.

Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000

"Few remodelers are asked to make spaces smaller, but these homeowners found their expansive and outdated bath to be neither comfortable nor attractive. The excess space was given to a small bedroom closet, greatly increasing its functionality, and the bathroom has become a spa-like sanctuary where the homeowners love to spend time," said designer Michael Anschel. The room features river rock laid in a field of 4x4 tile to create a path that leads from the steam shower to the custom-built vanity. Remnant granite was used for the vanity top and the seat in the steam shower, with edges hand-drawn and cut to compliment the organic nature of the stone.

Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration

The homeowners had just purchased this 1912 Tudor style two-story and wanted to restore it to its former glory. Extensive structural repairs, stripping and refinishing of the painted woodwork, and layout changes to create a more functional and aesthetically pleasing space were just the beginning. The new kitchen design features a professional range, honed granite, and custom period cabinetry complete with a roll-out step under the sink to provide better access to upper cabinets. This home was not just restored; it was brought back to life.

Otogawa-Anschel Design-Build is a Minneapolis-based remodeling firm focused on urban development and city living. The company is dedicated to green building and creating energy efficient homes, and is committed to providing affordable remodeling options for its clients. Visit their website at www.otogawa-anschel.com.

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