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ALPINE PAINTING & SANDBLASTING CONTRACTORS HONORED BY PAINTING AND DECORATING CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA *at the 2012 Painting & Decorating Expo*

(ST. LOUIS – March 2012) **Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors of Paterson, N.J.**, was recognized with a 2012 Picture it Painted Professionally (PIPP) award from the [Painting and Decorating Contractors of America](http://www.pdca.org) (PDCA). The award was presented during the 2012 Painting & Decorating Expo, February 19-22 in Las Vegas. The annual awards program is hosted by PDCA and recognizes the best performances in the coatings application industry by individuals and contracting company members of PDCA.

The PIPP awards are presented for overall project excellence and superior craftsmanship. Awards were distributed in the following categories: Commercial Interior, Commercial Wallcoverings, Decorative Finishes Residential, Decorative Finishes Commercial, Industrial, Residential Interior, Restoration Commercial Interior, Restoration Commercial Exterior, Restoration Residential Exterior, and Charity Projects.

Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors won an award for the **Industrial** category. Details on their **Newark Airport Monorail Grit Coating** project are listed below.

The winning entry in the Industrial project category was completed by Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors, a PIPP award winner in previous years, for their work on the Newark Airport Monorail Grit Coating. The Airtrain is an integral mode of transportation for the airport, providing train access to New Jersey and New York Residents. When AirTrain was built, steel sections of track were prefabricated with a grit coat on the upper surface of the rail, providing more friction for the wheels. After years of use, the grit coat has started to wear away and rust, causing the train wheels to slip and the track to shut down.

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In 2009, Alpine Painting reapplied the grit coat system through a labor intensive process. Due to safety concerns of having a large crew in close proximity to live trains, the client requested a new method when additional grit coat repair was needed.

When the Alpine team started the additional repair work in 2011, the biggest obstacle they faced was the constant struggle with weather. If both sides of the track were not active by the deadline, the client faced a monetary penalty from the Port Authority. With a strict two-week schedule to complete the work on both landside and airside, the team only had four days with no rain. Safety was also a concern, with heights ranging from 6 feet to 40 feet.

Congratulations to Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors for their performance on this project. They overcame many unique challenges and obstacles and successfully completed a project meeting its client's diverse needs.

“The PIPP awards recognize the very best of the best in the painting industry and honors PDCA members by showcasing their stellar work among their peers from across the nation,” said Darylene Dennon, chair PDCA. “I applaud **Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors** on their outstanding performance and excellent craftsmanship.”

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