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## **PAINTING CONTRACTOR RECEIVES PDCA'S PIPP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PAINTING**

*Achievement Recognized at National Convention*

(ST. LOUIS – March, 2008) The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) selected the following painting contractor as the recipient of its Picture It Painted Professionally Award (PIPP), which annually brings recognition to the outstanding projects of PDCA's professional painting and decorating contractors.

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.

### **Industrial Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Darling International Inc.**

Darling International obtained the services of Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors to clean, prepare, prime and paint the exterior of their installations. These structures included storage tanks, condensers, buildings & assorted piping, supports, catwalks and fire suppression through the facility.

Darling International Inc. specializes in the recycling of animal and food waste products, creating a special challenge for surface preparation. Many degreasers and emulsifiers were tested in conjunction with 4000 psi pressure washing to remove the residue. However, due to the thickness of the buildup they were not effective. Alpine brought in a special in-house crew and their 36,000 psi Ultra-High Pressure Water Jetting unit to perform the removal of the buildup and to perform the spot rust clearing as well. During the cleaning process they found that previous painters had applied coatings over the buildup most likely because they were unable to effectively remove the material prior to recoating.

Darling International was in operation without delay or incident during Alpines daily work efforts. Alpine continually moved their operations while truck loading and valve

operations took place. Approximately 15-20 men worked daily to complete this project as quickly as possible to minimize the impact of Darlings normal operations.

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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