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Green: The Color of Growth

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**PWC Green Awards
The New Lead Rules
Gilding Grandeur
Working Greener**

SECOND PRIZE – HISTORICAL RENOVATION

RENOVATION AND REBIRTH

Deco Illusions LLC

www.decoillusions.com

Wabash, Ind.

Richard Fischer, owner

The site: The Wabash Inn was built in 1920 with walls of concrete block and cement. At the time, it was the first hotel built with construction materials that would not burn. Later, the hotel fell into disrepair and stood vacant for more than 40 years, resulting in tremendous water damage and other serious problems. In 2009, the building was reborn as the Charley Creek Inn.

The project: Strip many layers of lead paint and repair all areas, then recreate a historical finish for the grand lobby walls—an area 25 feet wide, 50 feet long and 22 feet high. The original finish had



been lime-based plaster, hand-polished to create a natural stone look.

What made it green: Rather than harvest natural sand stone or other natural stones, contractor Rick Fischer opted for a faux stone veneer. To replicate the historical finish, Fischer used a fresco lime-wash effect in new colors (Tuscany Gold, Terra Cotta and Off-White) that had to be

approved by the architects, designers and historical society. The lime-based cement, plasters and washes made by Texturline Decorative Finishes of Toronto, Canada, made for a mildew-resistant, transparent and organic finish. The top-coat was water based and low VOC. A three-person crew completed the job in about a month.

FIRST PRIZE – COMMERCIAL

GREEN GOES PLATINUM

Long Painting Co.

www.longpainting.com

Portland, Ore.

Lynn Jackson, project manager

The site: New mixed-use construction at 12th and Washington, Portland, Ore.

The project: Interior painting of walls, ceilings, doors, frames, trim, sealed concrete floors, wall and ceilings, painted stair steel and finished wood. Exterior coating of steel and wood.

What made it green: Careful coatings selection, application and disposal helped this new construction attain a LEED Platinum rating. The project used low- and zero- VOC coatings exclusively, in-



cluding high-performance coatings on the exterior steel. In addition, dirty water from rinsing pumps and excess latex paint were recycled and disposed of by Clean Harbors Environmental Services of Norwell, Mass. A 12-person crew completed the project in 14 months.

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