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WJE Professionals Receive Multiple Awards at the 24th Annual RCI, Inc., International Convention

NORTHBROOK, IL (March 30, 2009) — Michael Petermann and William Waterston of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) were among the winners to receive first and third place, respectively, for their entries in the 2009 RCI, Inc. (RCI) Document Competition. RCI, Inc. — the institute of roofing, waterproofing, and building envelope professionals, annually recognizes excellence in report writing and roofing project documentation.

Winners were recently announced at the 24th annual RCI International Convention and Trade Show in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Petermann received first place for excellence in large project document writing and Mr. Waterston received third place for excellence in report writing. Nominees were chosen based on their demonstration of innovative, technically advanced, cost-effective project reporting for services relating to new construction, exterior building envelope renovation, roofing, waterproofing, and forensic analysis.

Matthew Farmer, also of WJE, received the Richard M. Horowitz Memorial Award at the convention. RCI presents this annual award for the best technical article published in *Interface*, a technical and trade publication of RCI that provides readers with timely coverage of industry news and events.

Members of WJE were also invited to present technical papers at the convention. James M. Brown and Christopher Giffin, both of WJE's Atlanta branch, presented *Evaluating Storm Damage to Flat Roof Assemblies*, discussing how to utilize wind uplift field testing procedures as a tool to assess and determine if adhered roof systems fail during storm events.

WJE engineers and architects have extensive membership and participation in RCI organizational events. More than twenty members nationwide participate in a variety of local and national RCI conferences every year, chair several committees, and provide dozens of presentations to raise knowledge and awareness among the profession.

WJE professionals have an intimate knowledge of a wide range of roofing systems, from historic clay tile to the latest in sustainable green roof designs. WJE's extensive knowledge includes failure investigation, roofing design, contract documentation for repair and replacement, field observation during construction, roof core analysis and testing, nuclear and capacitance moisture surveying, and roof management programming.

About WJE

WJE has successfully completed investigative, testing, design, and repair services for virtually every type of construction material, structural system, and architectural component. WJE combines state-of-the-art laboratory and testing facilities, nationwide offices, and knowledge-sharing systems to deliver better results for thousands of clients. For more information, please visit <u>www.wje.com</u>.