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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## THE BEST OF THE BEST WERE RECOGNIZED AT PIASC'S GRAPHICS NIGHT AND ITS CELEBRATION OF PRINT!

Los Angeles, CA – Janet Green, Public Relations Chair of PIASC presented the Print Excellence Awards winners of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Print Excellence Awards competition at the recent PIASC Graphics Night held at the Pacific Palms Resort in Industry Hills. Only the Best of Show, Best of Division, and Best of Category awards were presented at this event; however, a complete listing of all winners is attached.

The night was a Celebration of Print... a night full of color and excitement as guests leisurely admired the exemplary Best of Category winning entries while enjoying a hosted cocktail reception in the beautiful Concourse of the Pacific Palms Resort.

After the reception, guests were welcomed to enter the Majestic Ballroom for dinner and the presentation of awards. After dinner, Janet Green announced the winners as Ken Bittner, Chairman of PIASC, presented them with stunning glass awards.

Companies participating could receive up to 5 different awards:

- Best of Show, awarded to the one most outstanding entry from the entire competition.
- Best of Division, awarded to one company within like-size printers with the highest average score.
- Best of Category, awarded to the most outstanding entry in each category.
- Award of Excellence, awarded to those entries which are runner-ups for each category.
- Certificate of Merit, awarded to those meritorious of recognition for their high level of quality in printing and design.

And the Best of Show went to:

<u>Continental Colorcraft</u> for its "LACMA Eye for the Sensual Case Bound Book."

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Best of Division winners are:

- Division 1: <u>Design Printing</u>, Los Angeles
- Division 2: Color Incorporated, Glendale
- Division 3: Precision Services Group, Irvine
- Division 4: Thoro Packaging, Corona
- Division 5: <u>Bert-Co Industries</u>, Los Angeles and
- Division 6: <u>The Source</u>, Irvine.

Print Excellence Awards competition offered 96 categories with the potential of six winners, based on company's size or Division, ranging from 20 or less employees to over 250 employees, plus non-printers, which included prepress companies, brokers, ad agencies, designers, and finishing/bindery.

There were 58 Best of Category Awards and 97 Awards of Excellence. All awardees are as follows:

Automation Printing Co. 1 Certificate of Merit

Bert-Co Industries Best of Division 3 Best of Category 4 Awards of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

BurdgeCooper 4 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence 3 Certificates of Merit

C&S Sales 1 Best of Category 1 Award of Excellence

Cal Tape & Label Co., Inc., 1 Award of Excellence

Castle Press 4 Best of Category 11 Awards of Excellence 6 Certificates of Merit

Chromatic Labels 2 Certificates of Merit

Clear Image Printing 8 Best of Category 5 Awards of Excellence 6 Certificates of Merit

Color Image Printing 3 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence 3 Certificates of Merit Color Incorporated Best of Division 2 Awards of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

Continental Colorcraft Best of Show 3 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence

Coronet Printing 1 Award of Excellence

Corporate Impressions LA, Inc. 3 Awards of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

Crown Printers 1 Best of Category 2 Awards of Excellence 3 Certificates of Merit

D'Andrea Graphics Corp. 1 Best of Category 2 Awards of Excellence 6 Certificates of Merit

Design Printing Best of Division 2 Best of Category 5 Awards of Excellence 2 Certificates of Merit

Diversified Printers, Inc. 1 Best of Category 7 Certificates of Merit

Dual Graphics 7 Best of Category 8 Awards of Excellence 11 Certificates of Merit Impress Communications, Inc. 4 Awards of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

Ink & Color dba Acuprint 3 Awards of Excellence

Lester Lithograph, Inc. 2 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence 7 Certificates of Merit

Lone Star Press 1 Best of Category

Main Graphics 3 Awards of Excellence 5 Certificates of Merit

Maskell Graphics, Inc. 1 Best of Category 1 Award of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

MMi Direct Mail 2 Awards of Excellence 2 Certificates of Merit

Nugent Custom Printing 1 Certificate of Merit

PJ Printers 2 Awards of Excellence

Precision Services Group Best of Division 3 Best of Category

Queen Beach Printers, Inc. 1 Certificate of Merit Ryan Press 2 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence 4 Certificates of Merit

Southern California Graphics Co. 2 Best of Category 1 Award of Excellence 4 Certificates of Merit

Superior Lithographics, Inc. 1 Best of Category 1 Award of Excellence

The Dot Printer, Inc. 1 Best of Category 3 Awards of Excellence

The Source Best of Division 1 Best of Category

Thoro Packaging Best of Division 2 Best of Category 1 Award of Excellence

Trisoft Graphics, Inc. 1 Award of Excellence 1 Certificate of Merit

V3 Corporation 3 Best of Category 8 Awards of Excellence 7 Certificates of Merit

Westamerica Graphics

1 Best of Category

7 Awards of Excellence

4 Certificate of Merit

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All Best of Category winning entries are being submitted free of charge to PIA's National "Premier Print Awards" competition also known as the Benny's. And, the winners of Premier Print Awards will be announced at the 2011 Graph Expo Show in Chicago.

Promotion for 2012 Print Excellence Awards "Call for Entries" will commence in October 2011. Start preparing for next year's competition by putting aside your best work!

Congratulations to all awardees!

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