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RisherMartin Renovations becomes one of Austin's first EPA Lead Safe Certified Firms

Lead paint was banned in 1978, but we are still paying the price for this dangerous use of paint. Millions of homes were built with lead-based paint and most of it still exists today. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, the EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under this rule, beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, the EPA requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools be certified by the EPA and that they use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers to follow lead-safe work practices. The EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule (RRP) require that renovations conducted for compensation, must be performed by Certified Firms using a Certified Renovator.

In an effort to continually lead the industry in education and compliance and better serve our Austin clients, RisherMartin Renovations has participated in the necessary training to become fully authorized to work on projects containing lead. Chris Risher, of RisherMartin Renovations, participated in the necessary EPA training and became a Certified Renovator on March 4th, 2010. RisherMartin Renovations became a Lead-Safe Certified Firm on May 4th, making it one of the first in Austin.

**ABOUT RISHERMARTIN RENOVATIONS (<http://www.rishermartin.com>):** RisherMartin Renovations is a professionally managed, Austin, Texas based, whole house renovation, addition, kitchen & bath remodeling, and custom home firm. A process-focused, technology driven company, RisherMartin has developed and deployed sophisticated back-office systems that enable rapid, accurate bids, on-time and on-budget execution, and best-in-class customer service. We are a team of craftsmen who know how to communicate. With 20 years of combined experience and over \$100M of residential projects completed, RisherMartin is a trusted builder with a breadth of skills that spans from drafting table to construction site. We are builders - of homes, relationships and trust.