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Chicago Clamp Company is Named Top 75 Nominee for 10th annual Chicago Innovation Awards

Chicago, IL— (Chicago Clamp Company) of (Broadview, IL) has been selected as one of the 75 nominees for the 2011 Chicago Innovation Awards. The ten winners will be announced Tuesday, November 8th and celebrated at an event at Chicago's Harris Theater that evening.

The Chicago Innovation Awards, celebrating its 10th year, is the Chicago region's foremost recognition of the most innovative new products or services brought to market or to public service each year. There were more than 400 nominees for the 2011 Chicago Innovation Awards, representing an increase of more than 60 percent over the past two years.

The innovation nominated by **(Chicago Clamp Company)** is the Tube Framing Clamp System, an innovative method for framing openings and providing support of rooftop loads without welding to joists or beams. Tube Framing Clamp Systems are easily bolted in place directly beneath the corrugated roof decking thus eliminating the inherent risk and cost associated with welding. With up to 4,000 lb capacity per system, it is ideal for the safe and economical installation of sky lights, exhaust fans, vents and rooftop units.

“The most important message of the Chicago Innovation Awards is one of confidence and courage,” said Thomas D. Kuczmariski, co-founder with Chicago journalist Dan Miller of the awards. “The economy is challenging but each nominee believes the simple truth that a powerful new product will find a rewarding market and has the courage to pursue their vision.”

Each year ten winners are chosen from among the 75 finalists by a panel of judges reflecting a cross section of Chicago's business community. In addition, each of the 75 finalists is automatically in the running for the annual “People's Choice Award,” selected through online balloting at www.chicagoinnovationawards.com.

The finalists are also each awarded a scholarship to attend a day-long executive education program titled “The Practical Innovator”, taught at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

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