

Roof Consultants Institute Foundation

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RCI Foundation Achieves First Milestone

Raleigh, NC – Colin Murphy, RRC, FRCI of Exterior Research and Design, LLC recently donated \$55,000 to the RCI Foundation. According to Mike Blanchette, RCI Foundation Chairman, this contribution is a significant milestone for the foundation, raising the pledges and contributions received during its first three years of existence above the \$500,000 level.

The focus of the tax-exempt RCI Foundation is to support education and research projects that advance knowledge in the roofing industry. Joe Hale, former chairman and current treasurer of the RCI Foundation, explains, “The Foundation has two missions, to receive contributions and to invest those funds for the benefit of the roofing industry.” Supported projects include publications, educational programs, and research. Accomplishments achieved through donations to the RCI Foundation include: Publishing *Wind Loads on Low Slope Roofs* by Stephen Patterson, PE, RRC and Madan Metha, Ph.D., M.Bdg.Sc, B.Arch.; pending publication of *Drainage Design and Rain Loads on Low Slope Roofs* by Patterson and Metha (expected completion by September 2003); expected publication of the *RCI Manual of Practice, Volume III* (and two additional volumes); financial support to the Roof Consultants Institute (RCI) to aid in advancing its educational offerings; supporting the Roofing Industry Committee on Weather Issues (RICOWI); and backing the addition of technical and research documents to the electronic database, RCI-Mercury.

The RCI Foundation encourages continuing support and donations from individuals and organizations in the roofing industry. Helene Hardy Pierce, RCI Foundation secretary states, “The Foundation is committed to providing the roofing industry with quality education and resources.” The RCI Foundation also encourages individuals and organizations to share ideas for projects or known projects that are within the Foundation’s purpose and would require funding support.

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