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RJN Group, Inc. Wins Two Awards at Event to Support Greater Chicago Food Depository

Wheaton, IL (June 13, 2008) – RJN Group, Inc. built a giant bowl of alphabet soup, complete with letters spelling the word “HUNGER”, made entirely out of cans on Wednesday, June 4. This design entry was part of a national competition called “CANstruction,” (see www.canstruction.com), which in last year raised over 2 million pounds of canned foods to be distributed to emergency food programs.

The Chicago event was hosted by the American Institute of Architects Chicago Chapter and the Merchandise Mart. Twenty leading engineering and architecture firms from the Chicago area designed and built structures entirely out of food products. All proceeds, estimated to be over 87,000 cans of food (enough to provide 67,669 meals to the hungry), were donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Since its inception in 1992 / 93, CANstruction events have brought in ten million pounds of donated food items.



RJN’s bowl of soup, with a theme of “SOUPer Bowl of Nutrition,” contained 6,410 cans of food. The build of the entry took team members 7 hours at the Merchandise Mart, according to team captain Jan Miller. “It is really rewarding to work so hard as a team, yet have such a good time, and know that your efforts help feed hungry families,” said Miller. In addition to the cans of food, RJN Group’s effort was supported by 23 team sponsors (for details see www.rjn.com). All of the CANstruction entries will be exhibited at the Mart between now and June 22.

The RJN Wheaton team was awarded two prizes at the Awards Night following the competition. The team was bestowed the “In Demand” Award from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and Honorable Mention for the build (which allows participation in the national competition). This is RJN’s second year of participation in the event.

RJN Group, Inc. provides engineering consulting services for municipal, county, state, and federal infrastructure systems. The firm's offerings include the study, design, and construction management of wastewater, water, stormwater, roadways, and bridges. GIS and asset management services are also offered by the firm. RJN, established in 1975, is headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois with offices nationwide.