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Expert Tips, News and Happenings from Atlanta's Home Improvement Community

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Award for Historical Renovation

H&G Construction Concepts LLC received two awards for its historical renovation of Bricks II, one of the oldest buildings in Atlanta, located at 45 Sloan Street in Roswell. H&G received the Residential Project of the Year and Residential Contractor of the Year awards from the **Hispanic Contractors Association of Georgia** (HCAG). In addition to preserving the original structure, which was built around 1839 to house **Roswell King's** employees, H&G also added over 2,000-square-feet, increasing the living area to three bedrooms/bathrooms and two garages. More information can be found at www.hgconstructionconcepts.com.

Pay for Room & Board

The family-owned, Minneapolis-based **Room & Board** furniture store is opening its first Southeast location in Atlanta next month. The store will be housed in a 1910 meatpacking building with 34,000-square-foot of space. Located at 1170 Howell Mill Road NW, it offers an array of indoor furniture, such as cabinets, beds, lamps, sofas and tables. The company strives to source materials in a sustainable way, keep finishes to a minimum so that the natural wood shows through, design products that last for generations and use sustainable materials like bamboo when appropriate for the design. To find out more, visit www.roomandboard.com.



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Expert Q&A

Q: Why are my traditional cabinets now considered unhealthy?

A: Cabinets are generally made of wood and composite wood products such as plywood, MDF (medium density fiberboard) and particleboard. A little formaldehyde occurs naturally, but the main problem is urea formaldehyde, which is used as an adhesive in the resins that bind these products and has been linked to "sick house syndrome." Many of the stains, paints and sealers used to finish cabinetry emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are also released into the air.

Look for the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association's Environmental Stewardship Program seal when choosing new cabinetry. This voluntary program's members use environmentally sound practices and materials from sustainable sources in their manufacturing. —CSI Kitchen & Bath Studio, www.csikitchenandbathstudio.com