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### **RNL NAMES DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Denver, Colorado, May 2, 2007 – RNL is pleased to announce that **Thomas Hootman, AIA, LEED AP** was promoted to director of sustainability. Hootman is responsible for advancing the firm's sustainable design practices and resources. He conducts research of green design strategies and trends to support RNL's sustainable design leadership role in the design and construction industry. Hootman is also responsible for finding ways to reduce the firm's operational carbon footprint and integrate sustainability into the firm's business model. He is also the Chapter President and the Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Green Building Council, Colorado Chapter. He regularly writes and speaks on green building practices as an active leader in promoting their use. RNL has set a minimum design standard of a LEED certified level for all its projects, whether formal certification is pursued or not. A few of RNL's recent projects that incorporate sustainable designs include the new Commerce City Civic Center, which is targeting LEED Silver certification; the East Valley Bus Maintenance Facility in Tempe, Arizona, which is targeting LEED Gold certification; and the Colorado Springs Utilities Laboratory, which is LEED Silver certified. RNL currently has 60 LEED APs on its staff.

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