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## **RNL Moves to LEED-Gold Designed HQ, Hosts Green Week**

Denver, Colorado, February 22, 2008 – RNL announces it has moved to its new 44,000 square foot headquarters located in Independence Plaza in downtown Denver. The space will pursue a LEED-Gold rating for commercial interiors by the U.S. Green Building Council.

“In addition to meeting the additional space needs for our growing practice, our new office embraces a green design philosophy, which is a core principle of RNL,” said Josh Gould, chairman and CEO of RNL. “It makes good business sense for us energy-wise, shows our own level of commitment to our clients, who we encourage to build green, and it provides a demonstration space of the possibilities and advantages of green design,” he added.

“Our new space is expressive of sustainable materials and design principles,” said Michael Brendle, director of design at RNL. “It creates a fresh new aesthetic derived from the expressive qualities of a green agenda,” he added.

Some of the energy saving features of the new office include daylighting and skylights, supplemented by high-efficiency lighting systems, and automatic daylight and occupancy sensors, which turn lights off when they’re not needed. Low-flow plumbing fixtures have been installed, resulting in a projected savings of 76,140 gallons of water annually. Ceiling tiles, cork flooring and carpet tile are examples of the recycled, renewable and locally manufactured materials used throughout the space. Low emitting paints and adhesives are used throughout. The dramatic stair connecting the second and third floors is locally manufactured and made from recycled steel.

The office is also located in the central business district of downtown Denver, allowing for convenient public transportation access. RNL provides all of its Denver employees with an Eco-pass from RTD, and the new office also includes showers and lockers for those employees who may wish to bike or walk to work.

In addition to being a demonstration space for clients, RNL's new headquarters has become a valuable recruiting tool, attracting similarly green-minded professionals. RNL has 63 LEED APs on its staff, including architects, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects and urban planners. RNL's number of LEED APs to overall staff resulted in the firm being ranked as the seventh greenest design firm in the U.S., based on that percentage, by Building Design and Construction magazine in 2007.

One of the first outreach events to be held in RNL's new office is Green Week, which is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Green Week is a series speakers, events and informational sessions to further educate RNL's staff and clients on the latest trends and technologies in green design and construction. Its theme is "Positive Zero: Global Design for a Carbon Neutral Future". More information on Green Week and the events is available on RNL's green design blog at <http://greenblog.typepad.com/rnlgreen/>, or by calling Tom Hootman or Jennifer Bolton at 303-295-1717.

The new mailing address for RNL is 1050 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A-200, Denver, CO 80265. The firm's phone, fax, email and web information remains the same.

RNL is an integrated full service design firm with offices in Denver, Los Angeles and Phoenix. RNL specializes in providing sustainable and energy-efficient design and offers clients a continuum of design services, including architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, urban design and planning, and engineering. For more information, please visit [www.rnldesign.com](http://www.rnldesign.com).

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