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**SHARED CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT MAXIMIZES USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS,  
DESIGN TEAM TO RECEIVE AIA AWARD**

***Edison Elementary School/Pacific Park Joint-Use Project One of the First of Its Kind***

Denver, Colorado, January 6, 2005 - Leidenfrost/Horowitz & Associates, Inc. (LHA), the Executive Architect, in association with Katherine Diamond, FAIA, Design Architect (now Principal with RNL Design-Los Angeles), will be recognized by the American Institute of Architects San Fernando Valley Chapter for design excellence for the Edison Elementary School/Pacific Park Joint-use project in Glendale, California. The project is one of the first of its kind in that it implements a shared use and joint development between two separate owners, the Glendale Unified School District and the City of Glendale. The shared use of key facilities by both the City and the School District maximizes investment of limited public money. The shared facilities include the children's library, computer lab, the multi-purpose gymnasium, playground, multi-purpose fields and parking sites. This approach reduced the redundancy of building similar facilities in the neighborhood while meeting the needs of both entities. If separate facilities had been built, the design team contends the projects would have cost at least an additional \$5,000,000. The facility opened in 2003.

"This project is a great example of doing more with less. Shared use/joint development is an essential strategy allowing cash and land poor local agencies to provide better services to their constituents," says Ms. Diamond.

"The leadership of the City and the School District of Glendale are truly to be commended. Instead of allowing the inertia of ingrained habits and the risks of shared-use to become the deciding factor, they focused on the value to the community and worked together in partnership to create this great project that serves users of all ages, and creates a true multi-functional, multi-generational center for the city," adds Vincent Hanna Petito, AIA, Project Director for LHA.

As the Executive Architect, Leidenfrost / Horowitz & Associates had to satisfy two sets of client standards and deliver a Division of State Architect approved project. The project breaks new ground and invents

new rules for joint development. The partnership between the City, the School District, the design team, the construction manager and the construction team allowed this community dream to become reality. The award will be presented at the chapter's annual design awards banquet on January 29, 2005 at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City, California.

Leidenfrost / Horowitz & Associates, Inc., is an award winning architectural firm providing complete architectural services for both private and public clients. Since its founding in 1976, the firm has grown to 85 professionals and is recognized as one of the preeminent firms in California. The diverse range of LHA work includes projects throughout the private and public sector including academic facilities, retail centers, hospitality venues, civic and private buildings, international projects and healthcare facilities.

Ms. Diamond, FAIA, who was principal of Siegel Diamond Architecture at the time of the design of the Edison School Pacific Park project, joined RNL Design in 2002. RNL Design is an integrated full service architectural firm with offices in Denver, Los Angeles and Phoenix, serving clients locally, nationally and internationally. Since its inception in 1956, RNL has built its practice providing innovative design solutions to clients, surpassing their expectations and bringing ideas to life. RNL offers clients a continuum of design services, including architecture, interior design, facility programs, feasibility studies, urban design and planning, landscape architecture and engineering. For more information, please visit [www.rnldesign.com](http://www.rnldesign.com).

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*Thumbnails of available project photos (photography by Robert Berger of Berger/Conser Photography):*



Pacific Park Community  
Center Entrance



Shared Courtyard Area



Shared Library - Interior



Edison School Courtyard



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