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RNL presented with two of nine 2011 AIA Denver Design Awards

RNL's Michael Brendle and Tania Salgado acknowledged for contributions to the profession

September 29, 2011, Denver, Colo. – The **RNL-designed Denver Central Platte Campus** and the **U.S. Department of Energy's Research Support Facility (RSF) at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)** were recognized by The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Denver Chapter at an Awards Gala on Friday, September 23, 2011.

The **Denver Central Platte Campus** was acknowledged with a **Merit Award for Built Architecture**. The Platte Campus was designed and constructed for the City and County of Denver's Public Works Department. At 105,000 SF and sited on an 18-acre campus, the Denver Central Platte Campus-design was guided by three overriding principles: urban design sensitivity to a previously contaminated and highly visible site, the incorporation of sustainable design elements, and the need for a well-functioning facility.

The **U.S. Department of Energy's Research Support Facility (RSF) at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)** was presented with a **Citation Award for Built Architecture** by the AIA Denver Design Awards Jury and the **People's Choice Award** by attendees of the AIA Denver Design Awards Gala. The Research Support Facility (RSF) is a national showcase designed to demonstrate how high-performance buildings can be aesthetically compelling and acquired at a competitive cost. At 222,000 SF, the Research Support Facility is certified LEED® Platinum by the U.S. Green Building Council and is on course to be the first net-zero energy building (ZEB) of its kind.

Michael Brendle, FAIA, principal and director of design for RNL, was presented with AIA Denver's **Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award recognizes an architect who has made significant contributions to AIA, the profession, and the citizens of Denver.

Tania Salgado, AIA, LEED AP, design principal, was also recognized by AIA Denver with one of three **2011 President's Awards**. The President's Award is presented to individuals or groups who have made extraordinary contributions in supporting the mission of AIA Denver or local architecture.

AIA Denver 2011 Design Awards were selected from 62 entries submitted by members of AIA Denver and judged by a jury of architects and design experts.

About AIA & AIA Denver

For more than 150 years, member of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings, and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge, and tools to create better design and, through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.

AIA Denver is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in the metro Denver area. The voice of the profession of architecture, AIA Denver inspires its members as leaders in the design of the built environment.

RNL is a global, full-service design firm specializing in sustainable, integrated design. Founded in 1956, **RNL** offers a continuum of design services, including architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, urban design and planning. **RNL** has offices in Phoenix, Denver, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. In May of 2011, **RNL** was ranked #20 on *Architect* magazine's The Architect 50, an annual ranking of American architecture firms. For more information, please visit www.rnldesign.com.

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