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July 3, 2008 – Phoenix, AZ – RNL announces that it has recently won awards for two of its projects at the 2008 International Interior Design Association’s (IIDA) P.R.I.D.E. (Professional Recipient for Interior Design Excellence) awards, Southwest Chapter design competition.

“We are very pleased and proud to be the recipient of these prestigious awards,” says Larry Allen, Managing Principal, RNL. “I believe these awards demonstrate RNL’s dedication and commitment to designing functional, creative and sustainable design that employees appreciate and enjoy working in.”

RNL’s ***University Physicians Healthcare (UPH) project*** won the award for Design Excellence in the “Creativity on a Budget” category. Project goals for the 77,000 total square feet of space for the three buildings named “Barrel Cactus,” “Agave,” and “Chaparral Sage” -- included creating a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere and promoting a healthy lifestyle and working environment that brings the outdoors in. The challenge was to create a community among numerous different departments within the company that had not previously co-existed in a single location. With the Sonoran desert as inspiration, natural surroundings with a canyon-like concept were incorporated into interior architectural elements. Office pods were angled to form a central canyon, floating

ceiling planes, lighting, floor patterns and furniture were creatively interpreted. Soothing desert colors such as greens, purples, and browns were used, and a landscaped courtyard offers views of the distant Catalina Mountains into the workspaces.

“RNL’s approach was respectful of University Physicians Healthcare’s culture, environment, and budget,” says Jim Bands, Corporate Strategic Initiatives Officer of UPH. “In addition, they created an atmosphere that facilitates collaboration and communication, values important to UPH and our employees.”

RNL also won a merit award for its ***East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility*** project in the Environmental Design category. The project has received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for the administration building and expects the same certification for the maintenance facility. The 23-acre, 250 bus complex facility is currently the largest facility of its kind in the country to achieve this high of a rating.

“Everyone is very pleased and excited about our new facility,” says Jack Pisano, CCTM, general manager for Veolia Transportation, the private operator for the agency’s transit operations. “The employees love working in their new environment. There is a lot of natural daylight throughout the facility and they especially like the windows and fresh air.”

“The architecture and aesthetic in the East Valley project played just as prominent a role as the function of the facility, as did sustainable design,” explains Ken Anderson, Senior Associate, Project Designer/Architect with RNL. “The design was derived from the sleek and dynamic nature of transportation. It was exciting to see what could be done with each space to push it beyond what had become commonplace to expect in that type of environment,” Anderson adds.

Funding for construction and maintenance of the East Valley project came from several sources including the Cities of Tempe, Scottsdale along with the Valley Metro.

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