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### **RNL named among top five sustainable architecture firms in U.S.**

*RNL is only firm in Colorado to make the Top 10 list*

DENVER – May 20, 2009 – RNL is pleased to announce it has been named among the top five sustainable design firms based in the U.S. RNL is the only Colorado firm to make the Top 10 sustainable firm list as published by Architect magazine in its May issue. The rankings were based on several variables from the survey, such as percentage of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) projects and LEED Accredited Professionals on staff in 2008 as well as green policies, to come up with an overall score. The Top 10 list is available online at [http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/hanleywood/architect\\_200905/#/52](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/hanleywood/architect_200905/#/52).

"Sustainability is a positive contribution to design," said Rich von Lührte, FAIA, LEED AP, president of RNL. "RNL believes that to achieve the ultimate sustainable design metric we must 'Design for one Earth'. It is a holistic design approach that goes beyond LEED to incorporate values such as beauty and resilience along with the more common environmental, financial and social measures," von Lührte says.

RNL has 66 LEED APs on its staff, eight completed LEED projects and another 22 projects that are pursuing various levels of LEED certification, including its own Denver and Phoenix offices. RNL is designing one of the largest zero energy buildings in the world, the Research Support Facilities for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Labs in Golden, Colorado, which is scheduled for completion in 2010.

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 is headquartered

in Denver and has additional offices in Phoenix, Los Angeles and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. For more information, please visit [www.rnldesign.com](http://www.rnldesign.com).

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