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RNL RECIEVES REGIONAL MERIT AWARD FOR LIGHTING DESIGN FOR THE SUSAN M. DUNCAN YMCA IN ARVADA, COLORADO

Denver, Colorado, August 1, 2007—RNL announces it has won a 2007 International Illumination Design Award of Merit in the Southwest Region for the lighting design for the Susan M. Duncan YMCA in Arvada, Colorado. The project involved a major renovation and remodel of a 57,500 square foot facility. A restrictive lighting budget required reusing many existing luminaires while incorporating new decorative lighting elements into select spaces, all while meeting today's demanding energy standards.

Contemporary halogen pendants and wall sconces together with reused compact-fluorescent downlights allowed the owner to depart from an institutional character to a family-friendly "country club" feeling in the lobby. Adjacent lobby areas were tied together by utilizing halogen pendants and table lamps creating a warm residential feel. Custom designed fluorescent light boxes integrate into the reception millwork, adding originality and visual interest to the check-in desk. The curved fluorescent cove mirrors the desk below adding drama while reused downlights provide task lighting. Adjustable wall-washers illuminate the wall for signage. The new gym/aerobic studio required controllable lighting. The lamps there are are tri-level controlled, and the system surpasses industry recommendations while creating a glare-free and comfortable environment. The children's play vault is indirectly illuminated and the lamps accentuate the playful colors. Locker rooms utilized reused troffers with custom designed light slots above vanities providing uniform facial illumination. The sophisticated and effective lighting integrates effortlessly with the upscale architecture to create an inviting environment for the YMCA's members and their families.

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