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**Kristine Hargreaves Named Principal at RSP Architects**

*Hargreaves has more than 25 years of architecture experience in military sector.*



Minneapolis (26 March 2009) – RSP Architects announced that Kristine Hargreaves, AIA, NCARB, LEED® AP, has been named a principal specializing in federal government projects.

Hargreaves, who has more than 25 years leadership experience on large-scale projects in the public sector, most recently worked as the project architect for several major intelligence operations facilities at Air Force bases around the country. As a

LEED Accredited Professional, Hargreaves designed the operations facilities to meet exacting environmental guidelines. Her extensive international design portfolio also includes security upgrades to the U.S. Embassy in Malawi; design/build of munitions storage complexes in Iraq and Afghanistan; hangar designs for B-2 “stealth” bombers, and other top level government projects.

“I’m fascinated with the nuances and special challenges in designing for the security and intel community,” Hargreaves said citing her work for the U.S. Air Force, Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) initiatives, and Army, Air Force, and Air National Guard projects. Her experience provides a solid complement to RSP’s existing federal government sector work which encompasses work for the US Army and Navy Reserve, Navy SEALs, Army National Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

In November, RSP announced the formation of a new planning group, specializing in institutional planning and geospatial information programming, when it acquired a team of professionals from Arizona-based TEC, Inc. This group is recognized for its post-Hurricane Katrina work for the city of New Orleans, as well as its extensive facilities- and land-use planning – especially for military installations.

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“Combined with the exceptional design, planning, and GIS capabilities represented at RSP – particularly with U.S. Army and Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) projects -- our collective experience makes RSP a formidable force in the military sector,” Hargreaves said.

Prior to joining RSP, Hargreaves worked with CH2M HILL as Architectural Practice Leader, responsible for the development of architectural staff and design best practices. Previously, as a supervisory architect with USACE Protective Design Center, she developed physical security and asset protection designs. While there, she helped to co-author the first U.S. Department of Defense’s Security Engineering Manual, which remains the definitive federal reference of its kind. She leads an ASTM task group developing Homeland Security building design standards, and contributed to development of industry water and wastewater security standards.

“While we have a long history of working within the government sector, Kristine’s knowledge, relationships and expertise will certainly expand our presence there – especially within military circles,” RSP Architects President David Norback said. “A number of architecture firms were pursuing Kristine, so we are very happy she decided to join RSP.”

Hargreaves added, “I was attracted to RSP because of the collaborative and entrepreneurial work style here. This is a diverse and talented group of people, and I feel fortunate to be a part of it.”

Hargreaves, licensed in several states, holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

## **About RSP Architects**

RSP Architects was established 30 years ago and now has approximately 240 employees in its offices in Minneapolis and Rochester, Minnesota; Phoenix, Arizona; San Diego, California, and Tianjin, China. Its headquarters is in the historic Grain Belt Brewhouse, an award-winning renovation and adaptive reuse project in Minneapolis.

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RSP maintains a diverse practice with architectural expertise in corporate, healthcare, higher education, hospitality, institutional, manufacturing and research, retail, and government projects in the U.S. and internationally. In addition, RSP i-SPACE® is a proprietary service that offers unique insights into a firm's real estate assets, while RSP Dreambox, a consultancy within RSP, takes an experiential approach to design, strategy, innovation and multimedia architectural services.

RSP clients include Ameriprise Financial, American Express Company, Arizona State University, Comerica, Inc., GMAC ResCap, Boston Scientific, Madison Marquette, the Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Tianjin Haihe Development Commission, Travelers, Target Corporation, UnitedHealth Group, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the University of Minnesota, and Wells Fargo & Company.

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