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**RSP Architects Recognized by AIA
Committee on Architecture for Education**

Arizona State University Polytechnic Academic Complex earns Award of Merit

Phoenix (10 June 2009) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE) has chosen RSP Architects to receive a 2009 Educational Facility Design Award. The firm has accepted an Award of Merit for its redevelopment of the Arizona State University Polytechnic Academic Complex in Mesa. This structure, designed by RSP in association with Lake|Flato Architects, has previously won three awards in green building categories from respected organizations.



The innovative design of the ASU complex dynamically transformed a decommissioned U.S. Air Force base into a vibrant and inviting campus. Using inexpensive yet durable materials, the 245,000-square-foot complex combines four academic colleges under one university roof through a series of shaded outdoor gathering

spaces and energy-efficient interiors. The ASU project's earth-friendly design celebrates its desert climate while at the same time successfully supporting its learning community.

"We're very proud of the part we played in supporting ASU's educational vision," said RSP President David Norback. "So, it's especially gratifying to be recognized for this project. The AIA doesn't use terms like 'outstanding' loosely, so we consider this a high compliment indeed."

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While it's true the ASU campus is an advanced green building, it's most important function is to fulfill the needs of students and faculty," "This award validates that we achieved our goals of preserving and utilizing the local environment while enhancing Mesa's learning environment. We are very pleased and honored that our approach has been recognized by the AIA."

The CAE Design Awards recognize exemplary leaders in the educational facility planning and design field. The goals of the competition are to honor excellence in planning and design, seek understanding of emerging ideas, and to share knowledge. A jury of architects and educators decide which projects best exemplify architecture that supports and fosters the learning experience. Of 119 submitted new construction, addition, and renovation projects, just thirteen were issued awards in the three distinct categories of Citation, Merit, and Excellence.

About RSP Architects

RSP Architects was established 30 years ago and now has approximately 220 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.

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

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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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