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**RSP Architects Receives Multiple Awards, Best of the Decade Honors**

*RSP Architects: Architect of the Year Award*  
*Wells Fargo Home Mortgage West Building: Best of Decade Award*  
*New Coloplast Headquarters: Best Overall Office Development*  
*Sheraton Phoenix Downtown: Best Hospitality Project*  
*Arizona State University Polytechnic Academic Complex: Best Redevelopment Project,*  
*Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel Award*

Minneapolis (28 May 2009) – [RSP Architects](http://www.rsparch.com) has been spotlighted on the red carpet recently with a multitude of awards including “Best of the Decade” and “Architect of the Year” honors.

**Best in Real Estate Awards**

The [Wells Fargo Home Mortgage West Building](http://www.wellsfargo.com) in Minneapolis, which RSP designed in 2004, was named the Best of the Decade at the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s* annual “Best in Real Estate Awards.” The project, which shared top honors with the Midtown Exchange, was cited for turning a blighted Minneapolis area into a vibrant, thriving neighborhood.



RSP’s work for the new [Coloplast](http://www.coloplast.com) headquarters in North Minneapolis was honored with “Best Overall Office Development” at the Best Real Estate Awards banquet. The office campus’ modern and environmentally-friendly design factored significantly in its selection, according to the judges. RSP’s deference to the Danish architectural preferences of Copenhagen-based Coloplast were noted – especially its use of natural light, materials and river views.

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### The RED Awards

RSP, which has an office in Arizona, was honored for its notable contributions to commercial real estate with three RED Awards from [AZRE | Arizona Commercial Real Estate Magazine](#), including Architect of the Year. The firm was recognized for three decades of innovative design solutions to hundreds of clients on thousands of successfully completed projects.

RSP earned AZRE's Best Hospitality Project award for its work on the [Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel](#). Completed in August of 2008, the 31-story building was built in conjunction with the expansion of the Phoenix Convention Center in order to help the city become a leading destination for conferences and sporting events. At 120,000-square-foot and with 1,000 rooms, it is the largest hotel in Arizona.



RSP also received the Best Redevelopment Project award for its work on the [Arizona State University Polytechnic Academic Complex](#) in Mesa. Here, a decommissioned U.S. Air Force base was redeveloped into laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices, a lecture hall, and a fine arts performance space. The 245,000-square-foot complex created a new identity for the campus, as it combined four academic colleges to create the only polytechnic university in the state. For this project's eco-friendly design utilizing solar power panels and recycled building materials, RSP

Architects has recently won two other awards in green building categories from other respected organizations.

The RED Awards recognize the biggest, best, and most notable commercial real estate projects and transactions of 2008. The winners were selected -- from a group of more than 175 nominated architects, contractors, developers, and brokerage firms -- by a committee that included business leaders and commercial real estate professionals.

### IDEAS<sup>2</sup> - Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel Award

Additionally, RSP's role in the ASU Poly campus was recognized by the [American Institute of Steel Construction](#) with an Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel (IDEAS<sup>2</sup>)



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Award. RSP received a Merit Award in the \$15 million to \$75 million category for utilizing structural steel in an innovative manner. Award criteria included an emphasis on creative solutions to project requirements; design innovation; aesthetic and visual impact of the project; innovative use of architecturally exposed structural steel; technical or architectural advances in the use of steel; and the use of innovative design and construction methods.

“There is an exhaustive amount of work that goes into these projects,” said RSP President David Norback. “Occasionally, it’s nice to lift our heads and be recognized for the work we do. I’m very proud of the group of professionals behind these awards.”

#### **About RSP Architects**

RSP Architects was established 31 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 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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