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**Elena Peltsman joins RSP Architects as Associate**

*Peltsman brings award-winning educational facility design expertise to the firm*

Minneapolis (11 December 2008) –RSP Architects announced Elena Peltsman, AIA, NCARB, CIA, has joined RSP Architects as an Associate. Peltsman, who has worked in the Minneapolis architectural market for more than 20 years, brings diverse architectural experience with a special emphasis in educational design to RSP.



According to RSP President David Norback, “Elena is an award-winning architect, project manager and designer, who’s resourceful, creative and passionate in problem solving and achieving successful results.” Some highlights of Peltsman’s expansive portfolio include Maple Grove High School, Maple Grove, Minnesota; Tri-District Collaborative School, Woodbury, Minnesota; multiple renovation projects for Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis; Highview Middle School, Mounds View, Minnesota; Northrop Community Center, Rochester, Minnesota; Adult Education Center, Osseo, Minnesota; and the Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Florida.

Prior to joining RSP, Peltsman was a partner at ATS&R Architects, Planners and Engineers, where she was lead designer, project architect and project manager since 1993. Previously, she was a lead design architect for Wheeler Hildebrandt & Associates (now Perkins + Will), and worked at Architectural Alliance and Ellerbe Becket.

“This is a return engagement for Elena at RSP,” said Norback. “She was a designer with the firm in the mid-80s. In addition to being a very talented designer, Elena is a natural leader. We’re very glad to have her back.”



Peltsman said, “I am energized by the vision at RSP, the firm’s creative spirit and sense of camaraderie. I am reminded of the power of a workplace environment that embraces change, nurtures mutual respect and encourages life-long learning.”

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Peltsman has won a number of architectural awards including nine prestigious education industry awards from the American School and University Magazine, such as Top Citation, Crow Island Award, Gold Citations and Architectural Design Excellence Awards.

She served on AIA Minneapolis Board of Directors from 2006 to 2007 and holds a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the University of Minnesota.

## **About RSP Architects**

RSP Architects was established 30 years ago and now has approximately 300 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’s i-SPACE® is a proprietary service that offers unique insights into a firm’s real estate assets, while RSP Dreambox takes a non-traditional 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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