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Top Women Leaders in the Building Design and Construction Industry Headline First of New Roundtable Series Hosted by RDK Engineers

BOSTON, MA -- Boston-based RDK Engineers, nationally-ranked as one of the top engineering firms in the U.S., today announced that it will host a new series of Roundtable discussions aimed at leaders in the building design, construction and management industry.

The first RDK Roundtable, entitled “Powerful Women in the AEC Industry” will be held on September 24, 2008, and will be led by well-known Communications and PR expert Geri Denterlein, President of Denterlein Worldwide and author of “The Power Chicks’ Guide to Boston.” Among the panelists are top women leaders in Boston building design and construction, including Lisa Killaby, Principal at ADD, Inc. architects; Lisa Brothers, Chief Operating Officer for Nitsch Engineering; and Bond Bros. Project Executive Rose Conti. The participants will share their experiences and insight on what it takes for women to be seen as a powerful force within the traditionally male-dominated building industry, and how they can extend their influence to the broader business community beyond.

In a city with no lack of seminars and conferences aimed at the same audience, why the need for this new forum?? RDK’s Director of Marketing, Kim Sousa, who has developed many training and networking sessions in the past for SMPS and other trade associations, explains, “In a sense, existing educational programs have been almost too successful at attracting attendees. They are often so crowded that there’s little time or opportunity to really talk with the people you’d like to. The speakers are in the front of a huge impersonal ballroom removed from the audience. And many people are too intimidated or have no opportunity to ask the panelists the questions they’d really like to have answers to.”

From Sousa’s observations came the concept of RDK’s hosting a new, more focused and intimate forum for learning and networking where building industry professionals could openly share their experiences, trade solutions and build valuable relationships. Upcoming topics in the Roundtable series will address the business and operational concerns of a variety of industry audiences, such as practical techniques for reducing energy costs at institutional

facilities for university, healthcare and biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility managers, to be held in RDK's New Brunswick, NJ office in October.

Attendance at each roundtable will be limited to no more than 20-30. "We want to make sure to preserve a small but open environment where participants can freely ask questions of invited experts and of each other and really get to know one another," said Sousa. "If there's a lot of interest in a particular topic, we'll hold another session rather than compromise that. It's what makes these roundtables a unique learning and networking opportunity for the attendees."

RDK's Roundtable series begins September 24, 2008 at the RDK Boston office at 70 Fargo Street. Additional Roundtables will be held bi-monthly in Boston and at other RDK offices in Massachusetts, New Jersey and North Carolina.

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About RDK Engineers

RDK Engineers has specialized in providing high-quality building engineering services for over 100 years. Today, with a staff of over 250 multi-disciplined engineers and support professionals located in Andover, Amherst and Boston, MA; New Brunswick, NJ; and Durham and Charlotte, NC, the firm delivers total building solutions, from systems design through commissioning to facilities management, to leading businesses and institutions nationwide.

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