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Baldassarra Joins The RJA Group

Chicago, IL – June 5, 2009 – The RJA Group, Inc., parent company of Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc. (RJA) and Sako and Associates, Inc. (SAKO), has announced that **Carl F. Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE**, has joined the company as Executive Vice President – Project Delivery, reporting to Chief Operating Officer George E. Toth. He will be based in The RJA Group headquarters in Chicago.

In his new role, Baldassarra will head up key business functions and processes associated with superior project delivery for RJA and SAKO clients worldwide. He will provide the bridge within the company between business development, operations and finance to help deliver efficient client services on major multi-office initiatives.

“Carl is a recognized leader and fire protection professional who has earned the respect of everyone in our industry during his outstanding career,” commented Martin H. Reiss, President and CEO of The RJA Group. “The fact that Carl has chosen to join The RJA Group further demonstrates our leadership as the employer of choice in our profession.”

Baldassarra, formerly the president of Schirmer Engineering, is extremely active in the fire protection and life safety community serving on multiple committees of the National Fire Protection Association and the International Code Council. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences and on the steering committee of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

In addition, Baldassarra serves as a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers’ Editorial Advisory Board and Vice President of the SFPE Board of Directors. He is a member of the Underwriters’ Laboratories Fire Council, a member of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Fire Protection Engineering Advisory Board and a member of the University of Maryland’s Board of Advisors, Fire Protection Engineering Curriculum.

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