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Putorti Joins RJA as a Senior Consultant

Chicago, IL – September 23, 2009 – Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc. (RJA) is pleased to announce that **Anthony Putorti, Ph.D., P.E.** has joined the firm as a Senior Consultant based in the Philadelphia area office. In addition to exceptional technical and Project Management skills, Putorti brings with him specialized experience in fields ranging from fire research, investigation and analysis, to forensic engineering.

In his new role, Putorti will spend part of his time concentrated in the areas of research, investigative study and litigation support. Tom Brown, P.E., President of RJA says the addition of Putorti “provides us with a unique skill set, as Tony is one of the premier talents in terms of researching fire incidents and translating that research and analysis during the litigation process. His strong foundation in fire protection engineering means he has the background to understand what we do and apply it to the real world.” He will also serve as Project Manager on signature projects and act as a mentor to technical staff.

Putorti comes to RJA with over 15 years of experience in the industry, most recently working in the automotive industry investigating incidents involving vehicles. For over a decade, Putorti served as a fire protection engineer at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), where he investigated fire phenomena using

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scientific principles, modeling, and experimentation. His background also includes strong practical application of fire protection engineering, including code consulting, fire protection analysis, materials evaluation, and modeling.

Prior to joining RJA, Putorti served for many years as a member of the National Fire Protection Association Committee on Fire Investigations, representing the National Institute of Standards and Technology as well as the Society of Automotive Engineers. The committee is responsible for writing NFPA 921, *Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*. He was also a member of the NFPA Committee on Hazard and Risk of Contents and Furnishings, which is responsible for writing NFPA 556, *Guide on Methods for Evaluating Fire Hazard to Occupants of Passenger Road Vehicles*.

Putorti received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). He is a member of the NFPA, SFPE, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society.

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