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**RJA Receives David A. Lucht Lamp of Knowledge Award**

Chicago, IL –November 11, 2009 – Rolf Jensen & Associates (RJA) received the David A. Lucht Lamp of Knowledge award at the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) Professional Development Conference and Exposition, held October 19, 2009 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Tom Brown, P.E., President of RJA, was on hand to accept the award on behalf of RJA.

Since 2005, the Lamp of Knowledge award has been given annually to an organization, company or individual that has contributed substantially to increasing opportunities for higher education in fire protection engineering. Named in honor of David A. Lucht, this award recognizes his 25 years of leadership and dedication to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Center for Firesafety Studies and the significant contributions he made to the profession of fire protection engineering.

“Since 1985, RJA has been substantially contributing to increasing the opportunities for higher education in fire protection engineering by providing support for scholarships and the scientific laboratory facilities at the University of Maryland,” said Chris Jelenewicz, SFPE Engineering Program Manager. “Most recently, RJA has pledged \$100,000 toward a state of the art fire sciences laboratory at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.”

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In accepting this award, presented by Richard Davis, P.E., FSFPE, President of SFPE, Brown noted that like Lucht, RJA has deep roots in fire protection engineering education. Rolf Jensen, the founder of RJA, started the firm forty years ago after the McCormick Place fire in Chicago, IL and served as head of the Fire Protection Engineering department at the Illinois Institute of Technology. According to Brown, “supporting the education, learning and advancement of fire protection engineers and our industry remains a top priority for RJA. It is a great honor to receive the prestigious Lucht award in acknowledgement of these efforts.”

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