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**BATTERY PARK CITY FERRY TERMINAL | NEW YORK, NY
SENIOR PROJECT ARCHITECT
2009**

As Senior Project Architect in the Engineering/Architecture Design Division of The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ), Risa led an in-house team of architects and designers, along with a multi-disciplinary team of outside consultants. The design was completed in 2000, however, as a result of 9/11 the project was put on hold and the facility was completed in 2009. The goals for the project were to create a terminal with a pavilion-like feel that served as an extension of the Battery Park City esplanade. The terminal consists of a 160' by 176', 1200-ton hull and tensile fabric roof structure. It is designed to float, which proved to be innovative not only for the facility design, but for the construction as well. The terminal was built almost entirely off-site, and "shipped" to its final location. The design criteria was established by the technical requirements needed for the function of the facility, as well as the aesthetic guidelines implemented by the Battery Park City Authority.

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BIOGRAPHY

Risa's decision to pursue a career as a public sector architect has given her the opportunity to provide maximum impact on civic projects and their surrounding communities. In her current role as Assistant Director for Design, Construction & Management at The City University of New York, and her prior role as Se-

nior Architect with The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, she is a key contributor on every aspect of the programs she implements, using clear leadership while gaining consensus on each phase of her projects. Washington University provided her with a foundation for creative problem solving and a love for design.

AWARDS

- 2013 Award of Excellence, International Achievement Award
- 2009 Honor Award, NJ AIA
- 2009 Honor Award, Waterfront Center Award
- 2008 Best Public Works Project, New York Construction News

PUBLICATIONS

- Dunlap, David W. "Downtown Gets a New Ferry Terminal." The New York Times. 3/17/2009
- Merkel, Jayne. "Other Places for People Going Places." Oculus. Vol. 63, No. 10, Summer 2001