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Department of General Services Director Hanlon to Receive Diversity Award

The National Association of Minority Contractors Acknowledges Director's Commitment to Minority Hiring

(Washington D.C.) —

The National Association of Minority Contractors – Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter (NAMC-WMAC) has selected Department of General Services Director Brian J. Hanlon to receive the “2014 Commitment to Diversity—Washington, DC Leadership Award” for spearheading programs and services to increase opportunities for minority contractors with projects utilizing funds of the Government of the District of Columbia. The organization chose Director Hanlon in acknowledgment of his innovative leadership and efforts to ensuring that minority firms and contractors are connected with the opportunities that DGS procures for the District.

The Department of General Services is responsible for the design, construction, maintenance and real estate portfolio management for the nearly 27,000,000 million square feet of District property. Since the agency's inception in 2011, DGS has worked diligently to elevate the quality of life in the District; not only through the agency's everyday work, but by ensuring that District-based firms are able to benefit and grow in capacity, lifting up the city through dedicated work programs to bring employment to local and minority businesses. “I am proud of the affect our agency has had on the landscape of the city, but I find true satisfaction in the outreach efforts and successful matching of opportunities with our local and minority business workers and contractors. The projects matter, of course, but our real legacy is helping local businesses grow in strength and capacity,” said Director Brian J. Hanlon.

NAMC-WMAC will host the “2014 Commitment to Diversity Awards Gala” on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the University of Maryland to highlight the individuals and businesses that have greatly contributed toward building the capacity of minority contractors through subcontracting opportunities, legislation or governmental programs in the DC Metro area. The organization believes that Director Hanlon's efforts at DGS have “successfully contributed toward building the capacity and expanding the size, scope and services of our members in Washington, DC.”

About The Department of General Services:

The mission of the Department of General Services (DGS) is to elevate the quality of life for the District with superior design, construction, first-rate maintenance and expert real estate management. By building and maintaining safe and green state-of-the-art facilities which foster local economic growth and elevate educational environments, our trusted and skillful employees create modern and vibrant communities across all of the District of Columbia.

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