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**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC.
APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – September 8, 2009 - The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Washington, Inc. has appointed Trisha M. Grant, LEED AP as its new Executive Director.

Ms. Grant is a native Washingtonian with a strong philanthropic background – having worked with local and national non-profit organizations serving high school and elementary school-age children within the Washington, DC area community; and pro-bono efforts involving participation from design and construction industry firms. Her experience with academically targeted, educational programs stems from a prior position with the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College.

As the Executive Director, Ms. Grant will be responsible for the overall administration of the Metropolitan Washington region's ACE Mentor Program, which is guided by a twenty-four (24) member Board of Directors from diverse firms, organizations and associations in the architectural, construction and engineering industries. The ACE Mentor Program was created to address the growing need for skilled professionals in the architecture, construction and engineering industries - a shortage that could become a crisis if current trends continue. The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Washington, DC is part of a nationwide program of outreach and mentoring for students in 136 markets across the country. The mentors are professionals from leading design and construction firms who volunteer their time and energy to engage, inform, and challenge youth.

“Trisha has a passion for the industry that’s unique,” said Chris Reseigh, President of the Greater Washington ACE Board of Directors. “We are excited to have such an enthusiastic leader on board.”

Ms. Grant holds a Bachelor’s degree in Social Anthropology from Dartmouth College and is a LEED Accredited Professional. She further keeps apprised of the architectural and engineering industry through volunteering with the Green Building Institute’s educational programs; and active participation in such networks as the D.C. Building Industry Association; U.S. Green Building Council - National Capital Region Advocacy Committee and Greenbuild; and the American Institute of Architects DC Committee on the Environment.

About the ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program was founded by the principals of leading design and construction firms, to introduce high school students to career opportunities in the industry. The mission of the organization is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to careers in the integrated construction industry through mentoring; and, provide a mechanism for their continued advancement in the industry through scholarships and grants.. ACE makes a special attempt to reach students that otherwise may not become aware of the challenges and rewards of a career in the design and construction industry.

For more information, or for inquiries on how to become involved, contact Executive Director Trisha Grant, LEED AP at tgrant@acementor.org and/or 202.577.3028. Or visit: www.acementor.org.

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