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ACE OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON AREA, INC. AND STRENGTH IN ASSOCIATIONS

(Washington, D.C.) The ACE Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Area, Inc. (ACE DC) is pleased to announce increased support and participation from other industry associations.

ACE DC looks forward to working with the **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)** for the 2010 Conference here in Washington, DC in September 2010. ASLA will donate a vendor space for ACE DC; as well as work on a "built" Legacy Project. This project, made possible from product donations and support from conference vendors, will be in conjunction with ACE high school teams, mentors, and local area ASLA chapters.

ACE DC is building relationships and drawing mentors from the **National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA)** – Washington, DC Chapter, an organization comprised of architects, designers, preservationists, students, teachers and concerned individuals who believe in using the built environment as a medium for change and inspiration. Likewise, the local chapter of the **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** – the nation's oldest national engineering society with more than 147,000 members worldwide – also aims to promote ACE mentoring among its membership.

Additionally, the **Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)** – National Capital Chapter and **Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)** Washington, DC Post will discuss with ACE DC increased involvement within the mentoring program. CMAA's membership includes more than 3,000 firms and individuals comprised of owners, engineers, architects, contractors, educators, and students; while SAME's Washington, DC Post is the largest SAME post, with over 1,400 members.

Lastly, ACE DC is embarking on a NSBE Jr. pilot initiative at Coolidge Senior High School with the **National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)** – Pre-College Initiative (PCI) of the Greater Metropolitan Region. NSBE PCI is designed to stimulate the interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. The program also focuses on encouraging students in grades K–12 to attend college and pursue technical degrees.

About ACE

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations. The ACE Mentor Program's mission is to enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering – as well as other related areas of the design and construction industry – through mentoring and scholarship awards.

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

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