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ACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEW PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

(Washington, D.C.) The ACE Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, Inc. (ACE DC) has elected **Christine Merdon, PE, CCM** to serve as the next President of the Board of Directors.

Merdon is the third President to serve ACE DC – preceded by John Sporidis of ARUP and Chris Reseigh of Parsons Brinkerhoff. In her second year of being appointed to the ACE Board, Merdon has 28 years of experience providing program and construction management services for many sensitive and difficult projects in both the private and public sector. She is currently Senior Vice President of Program & Construction Management for McKissack & McKissack in Washington, DC. In this capacity, she has been responsible for the successful program and construction management of \$11 billion in major construction projects and programs—such as the new Washington Nationals Major League Baseball Stadium; new Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters; new Martin Luther King National Memorial; and renovation of the Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson Memorials.

Before joining McKissack & McKissack, she worked for Clark Construction Group, LLC as a Project Manager. Merdon also was employed for 17 years by the U.S. Navy as a Project Engineer, including eight years at the White House Military Office managing design and construction projects at the White House, Camp David and other Presidential Support Facilities.

Merdon has both a BS and MS of Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland. She is a former Licensed General Contractor in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and a member of the Construction Management Association of American (CMAA).

New Board Members joining ACE for the 2010-2011 program year are:

- **Stephen Ayers** – Architect of the Capitol
- **Mike Withers** – M.A. + Associations, LLC
- **Gunnar Lucko, Ph.D.** – Catholic University of America, Department of Civil Engineering
- **Kassinda Williams** – Holder Construction Company
- **Danelle Prezioso** – McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc
- **Jim Needham** – Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, IAD Office of Engineering, Construction Department

About the ACE Mentor Program – Washington, DC

The ACE Mentor Program is a nonprofit organization whose 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. The program makes a special attempt to reach students of all demographics; and those currently underrepresented in the industry. Serving grades 9-12, ACE DC averages mentoring 150-200 students per program year. For more information, or for inquiries on how to become involved, contact Executive Director Trisha Grant, LEED AP at tgrantdcaffiliate@acemmentor.org and/or 202.577.3028. Or visit: www.acemmentor.org/592 .

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