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NCPC Unveils Competition Designs for President's Park South Today

Washington, DC –The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) invited five talented design firms to develop concepts to beautify the security components and improve the visitor experience at President's Park South. This popular destination is located between the White House Grounds and Constitution Avenue, NW.

Today at 12:30 pm EST NCPC will host a public showcase where representatives from the five design firms will present their concepts for President's Park South. The showcase will also be streamed live at www.ncpc.gov/live.

All public opinions will be shared with NCPC's Interagency Security Task Force, which will rank the finalists and announce the competition winner on June 30, 2011.

The firms that developed proposals are **Hood Design Studio**, San Francisco, CA; **Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates**, New York, NY; **Reed Hilderbrand Associates**, Watertown, MA; **Rogers Marvel Architects**, New York, NY; and **SASAKI**, Watertown, MA.

President's Park South is one of the most visited locations in the nation's capital, and represents a unique design challenge that requires sensitive integration of security requirements into a landscape of extraordinary cultural and historic significance. The area includes Sherman Park, the First Division Monument, the Ellipse and its side panels, as well as the associated roadways in the area, including E Street, NW, which has been closed to unauthorized vehicular traffic for the past decade.

The National Park Service-led interagency *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park* (2000) set the vision for this important historic public space. The results of the NCPC-sponsored design competition will inform the development of alternatives for President's Park South that will be undertaken by the National Park Service and the United States Secret Service. These alternatives will be examined through a federal and local review and approval process, including a NEPA Environmental Assessment, over the course of the next year.

Additional information is available on [NCPC's website \(www.ncpc.gov\)](http://www.ncpc.gov).

President's Park South Design Competition Showcase

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NCPC, 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC
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The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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