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NCPC and ULI Washington District Council to Examine Impact of Federal Facilities on Local Communities

Washington, DC – The pace of change within the federal workplace has never been more rapid. Current challenges include balancing security and sustainability goals, managing transformations in technology, telework programs and business practices, and adjusting to BRAC and other federal mega-projects.

On Thursday, April 21 at 8:00 a.m. the National Capital Planning Commission and ULI Washington District Council will host a panel discussion to look at the evolving design of federal facilities and their influence on host communities. Panelists are **Doug Firstenberg**, StonebridgeCarras LLC; **Jay Fisette**, Arlington County Board; **Bob Peck**, General Services Administration; and **Lisa Swoboda**, State of Maryland. **Cheryl Cort** from the Coalition for Smarter Growth will moderate.

Discussion topics include how the location, design, and activities of federal facilities can positively shape the region's growth and impact local neighborhoods, what kinds of innovative strategies can contribute to community and regional goals, and whether government location policies intended to maximize the federal government's Washington presence should be modified to include transit-oriented development sites throughout the National Capital Region.

The program is presented as part of NCPC's update of the Comprehensive Plan for the Nation's Capital.

Who: National Capital Planning Commission and ULI Washington District Council

Moderator:
Cheryl Cort, Policy Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth

Panelists:
Doug Firstenberg, Co-manager and Principal, StonebridgeCarras LLC
Jay Fisette, Member, Arlington County Board
Bob Peck, Commissioner of Public Buildings, General Services Administration
Lisa Swoboda, Deputy Director Business and Economic Development Office of Military and Federal Affairs, State of Maryland

What: Agents of Change: Integrating Federal Facilities into Local Communities

When: Thursday, April 21, 2011
8:00 – 8:30 am: networking; 8:30 – 9:45 am: program

Where: General Services Administration Headquarters Auditorium
1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC; Metro: Farragut West

RSVP: The event is free and open to the public, but RSVP via email (CompPlan@ncpc.gov) is requested. Walk-ins welcome. Valid photo ID required for entry.

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