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### **Mayor Vincent C. Gray will Network with Hundreds of Local Contractors at “Opportunity Summit 2012” at DC Convention Center**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Mayor Vincent C. Gray will join hundreds of local contractors for a day of networking, and a review of active job opportunities with the District of Columbia’s Department of General Services at the “Opportunity Summit 2012” tomorrow at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

***“To achieve my administration’s goal of transforming the District of Columbia into a world-class city, one of my five priorities as Mayor is a focus on jobs and economic development throughout the city,” Mayor Gray said. “One of our key strategies to achieving this goal, we must put our residents back to work.”***

In support of the Mayor’s vision for ‘One City,’ and to forward his concentrated effort to get residents back to work and reduce the unemployment rate in the city, DGS will host the “Opportunity Summit 2012: A Day of Information, Workshops and Active Opportunities” to build relationships with the local contractor community. The event will serve to educate local contractors to DGS’ responsibilities, opportunities and practices. The Summit also will provide local contractors the chance to meet and network with DGS staff, representatives, other District agencies and fellow contractors.

“The Summit will showcase the broad spectrum of work opportunities that DGS has to offer, while giving the contractor community an opportunity to ask questions and interface with those staffers they hope to find work through,” said Brian J. Hanlon, DGS Director.

The Department of General Services was created by the Mayor in October of 2011 through a merger of the former Department of Real Estate Services (DRES), the Office of Public Education Facility Modernization (OPEFM) and various divisions of other select agencies, such as the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Charged with constructing, maintaining and managing the District’s real estate portfolio of over 30 million square feet – including schools, parks, office buildings and other municipal facilities – DGS is dedicated to good stewardship of the spaces where residents and visitors work, live and play.

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