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## GSA COMMISSIONER ROBERT PECK TO KEYNOTE ACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BREAKFAST

(Washington, D.C.) On Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, GSA Public Buildings Service Commissioner Robert A. Peck will be the Keynote Speaker for the annual ACE Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Area (ACE DC)'s Scholarship Awards Breakfast.

Our annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast recognizes high school students with outstanding academic achievement; as well as encourages the advancement of higher education in the built environment. The scholarships awarded reward those students possessing academic dedication and the drive to succeed in the Architecture/Engineering/Construction industry with scholarships to continue on in their studies at a two or four year college. The amount of funds raised determines the number of scholarships awarded.

The Scholarship Awards Breakfast draws roughly three hundred guests from A/E/C industry corporations and businesses. ACE supporters, local-area educators, scholarship awardees and parents will also be in attendance.

The event also spotlights corporations, foundations and individuals who have made significant contributions to ACE DC through sponsorship of the awards breakfast. Attendees can expect a phenomenal Keynote Speaker and a silent auction.

To date, ACE DC has awarded \$272,000 in scholarships to 84 promising graduates. Universities that our students have been accepted into include such technical institutes such as Carnegie Mellon and Purdue University –and prestigious ivy leagues Dartmouth and Harvard – as well as local area community colleges and state universities.

## About the ACE Mentor Program – Washington, DC

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. 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.

For more information, or for inquiries on how to become involved, contact Executive Director Trisha Grant, LEED AP at <a href="mailto:tgrantdcaffiliate@acementor.org">tgrantdcaffiliate@acementor.org</a> and/or 202.577.3028. Or visit: <a href="www.acementor.org/592">www.acementor.org/592</a>.