



## Media Release

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### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HONORS Three of DC'S TOP Development, Real Estate and Construction Pros Achievement Awards to Be Presented to**

**ROBERT A. PECK, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA  
ALLEN LEW, Director, Office of Public Education Facilities Management  
Deborah Ratner Salzberg, President, Forest City Washington**

#### **Annual Awards Dinner To Be Held at Hilton Washington - May 20, 2010, 6:30 PM**

April 27 2010.....Washington, DC.....The DC Building Industry Association (DCBIA) will hold its annual Building Industry Achievement Awards Dinner on Thursday evening, May 20, 2010, 6:30PM at the Hilton Washington.

This year's Awards will celebrate the efforts and achievements of Robert A. Peck, Allen Lew, and Deborah Ratner Salzberg. Representing the private and public sectors, these professionals made remarkable contributions to the economic growth and quality of life and development throughout the city. Their efforts include dramatically improving schools in the District of Columbia, providing improved management of federal space and rehabilitating a massive under-utilized southeast waterfront.

The Achievement Award Recipients are:

**Robert A. Peck**, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration the landlord, chief developer, manager, historic preservation , acquisition agent and seller of more than 354 million square feet of work space for more than 1.1 million federal employees nationwide, managing \$8.5 billion in public funding. Mr. Peck came to the GSA after a successful career as the President of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, Managing director of Staubach Company/Jones Lang LaSalle, and Vice President of the American Institute of Architects.

**Allen Lew**, Director of the Office of Public Education Facilities Management, is successfully managing the 15 year, 3.5 billion school modernizations. Prior to taking the reins of this new office, he successfully served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Convention Center Authority and the manager of the LEED - certified Washington Nationals baseball stadium. In less than two years at his new position, he

has demonstrated his can-do culture constructing five new schools and rehabilitating twenty nine.

**Deborah Ratner Salzberg**, President of Forest City Washington leads the development of the Yards on the southeast waterfront. Under her leadership, the southeast waterfront will soon benefit from 1.8 million of new office space with 440,000sf of retail and 1000 residential units. Ms. Ratner Salzberg started her career in Washington as an attorney in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

DCBIA President Merrick T. Malone commented, “The outstanding accomplishments of these individuals are testimony to the commitment of our industry to make this city the best place to do business. They also are the best example of the continuous collaboration of the private and public sector that is essential to improve the quality of life for our residents and workers.”

Since 1984, the DC Building Industry Association has presented *Achievement Awards* to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the City; i.e., new development, revitalization of neglected areas, and extraordinary service to the community. The Awards are presented to representatives of the private and public sectors who work in partnership to ensure economic growth and opportunity – enriching the lives of residents of the District of Columbia.

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The District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA) is the professional association representing both the commercial and residential real estate industries in the nation’s capital. Its membership of nearly 500 companies and organizations represents several thousand real estate professionals. The Association’s membership encompasses all aspects of real estate development and includes developers, general contractors, architects and engineers, lenders, attorneys, brokers, title companies, utility companies, community development organizations and other professional members.

As an advocacy organization, DCBIA represents the interests and views of its members before the District of Columbia and the federal governments, community organizations, and other business associations. As a service organization, it offers comprehensive educational programs, social events and community service activities.

For more information about DCBIA and its members, please visit its website at [www.dcbia.org](http://www.dcbia.org) or call the DCBIA office at (202) 966-8665.