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Building Renovation Provides Opportunities for Small, Women, and Minority-owned Businesses ~ Virginia Holds Outreach Forums for Upcoming Renovation of Washington Building ~

RICHMOND, VA – The renovation of Virginia’s Washington building, located in Capitol Square, will provide additional job opportunities for Small, Women and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses.

The Virginia Department of General Services (DGS), working in conjunction with the project’s developer, Trammell Crow Company, and its construction manager, DPR Construction, Inc., will host two Outreach Forums for Small, Women and Minority-owned Businesses. The focus will be on the business opportunities associated with the upcoming renovation of the Washington building. The forums will be held Wednesday, August 17 in the auditorium on the first floor of the Pocahontas Building located at 900 East Main Street in Richmond, Virginia. The first forum will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second forum will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public parking will be available in a parking deck located at the corner of Ninth Street and Franklin Streets.

“These forums let businesses know about the many job opportunities available with this project,” said James T. Roberts, Director of the Department of General Services. “We [DGS] are committed to providing companies information about the many business opportunities available on state projects and these forums are just one way the state is reaching out.”

Built in 1923 the Washington building’s renovation will include replacing all exterior windows, installing new building and electrical systems, and providing new life safety systems. The renovation of the Washington building will begin this fall and is scheduled to be completed in December 2006, at a cost of approximately \$15.8 million.

Trammell Crow Company will serve as the Developer and DPR Construction, Inc. will serve as the General Contractor. Trammell Crow Company is one of the largest diversified commercial real estate service companies in the United States with offices across the nation and in Canada, Europe, Asia and Latin/South America. DPR Construction, Inc. is one of the nation’s leading commercial contractors/construction managers. With offices across the United States, DPR specializes in technically challenging and sustainable projects and has been recognized for its innovative approaches to complex projects.

These forums will provide SWAM businesses with more information about the Washington building renovation project and an opportunity to meet with the DGS, Trammell Crow, and DPR teams. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact Johnson, Inc. at 804-644-8515 or email sfowler@johnsonmarketing.com.

For more information about the Washington Building or other improvements in Capitol Square log on to www.dgs.virginia.gov and click on Capitol Square Improvements.

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