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National Capital Planning Commission Names New Executive Director

Washington, DC – The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) announced the selection of Marcel Acosta as its new Executive Director. Mr. Acosta came to NCPC in 2001 as the Deputy Executive Director and most recently served as the Acting Executive Director for the agency. Prior to joining NCPC, he served as the Senior Vice President of Planning and Development for the Chicago Transit Authority, the nation's second largest transit property.

As NCPC Executive Director, Mr. Acosta will direct the agency's planning programs, make policy recommendations to the Commission affecting the planning and development interests of the federal government in the National Capital Region, and guide the work of the professional planning staff.

"Mr. Acosta brings experience and the expertise required to meet the unique challenges of planning and development in our world-renowned capital city. He is a respected professional in the planning community," said Commission Chairman John V. Cogbill, III.

Mr. Acosta lends to NCPC his technical expertise in many urban planning specialties. As the Deputy Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Mr. Acosta directed the department's central area planning, physical planning, research and economic development policy initiatives.

At NCPC, he has guided plans and programs including the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* and the *Urban Design and Security Plan for the Nation's Capital*. "It is a privilege to serve our Nation's Capital, and to be a partner with other federal and local agencies in the planning for the future of capital region," added Mr. Acosta. "I look forward to continuing the work of NCPC as we build alliances that protect and enhance the nation's treasures while serving the citizens of the National Capital Region."

Mr. Acosta has received numerous awards for his professional endeavors including Outstanding Planning Awards from the American Planning Association and a Citation for Excellence in Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Acosta holds an M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin and was appointed a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University Design School in 2001.

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