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NCPC Takes Top Honors in National Communications Awards

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has been recognized with top national awards for its public outreach efforts in the nation's capital. Officials with the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) announced the honors at the group's annual conference.

NAGC honors the work of federal, state, and local government communicators with its Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Awards. This year, NCPC garnered first place honors in the Annual Report Category for its 2006 annual report, *Building a Framework for the Future*. In the Display category, NCPC took second place honors for its *Worthy of the Nation* exhibit held at Union Station in April 2007. This is the second consecutive year that NCPC has taken first place in the annual report category and second place in the display entry.

In acknowledgement of the top honors, NCPC Executive Director Marcel Acosta said, "These awards are a reflection of our commitment to foster public participation in furtherance of our efforts to preserve and enhance the extraordinary resources of the National Capital Region."

NCPC's award-winning annual report, *Building a Framework for Change*, documents the agency's partnerships with other stewards of the nation's capital. It also highlights the Commission's work to protect Washington's iconic treasures and natural resources. The *Worthy of the Nation* exhibit chronicled the history of planning in the nation's capital through a display of 85 rare images and maps. The exhibit drew extensively from the agency's 2006 book, *Worthy of the Nation: Washington, DC, from L'Enfant to the National Capital Planning Commission*, and included a 3-D model of Washington, DC.

NAGC is a national not-for-profit network of federal, state and local government employees responsible for disseminating information within and outside government. The annual conference provides practical educational sessions to help government communicators advance their skills. This year's conference was held April 28 – May 1 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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