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## **NCPC Approves Plans for the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center** *Commission also authorizes circulation of Federal Capital Improvements Program*

**Washington, DC** – At its monthly meeting today, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved two submissions by the United States Department of the Navy for the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, located in Bethesda, Maryland. The Commission also authorized circulation of the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Years 2009-2014.

The Commission approved preliminary and final site and building plans for medical facility additions at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The proposed plans include renovating 261,000 square feet of the existing facilities and constructing two new buildings to accommodate the medical expansion required by the 2005 BRAC recommendations. In its approval, the Commission commended the applicant for a well developed, sophisticated, and complementary addition to the campus that will enhance the appearance of historic Building One, as well as the overall image of the Medical Center.

The medical facility additions will provide a new outpatient facility and space for expanded diagnostic and critical care functions in a new six-story building of 533,000 square feet and a four-story addition of 157,000 square feet. The new buildings will border Building One, an existing historic structure on the campus. The design of both buildings will complement Building One's classical/art deco aesthetic.

The Commission also approved preliminary and final site and building plans for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), a new facility on the Medical Center campus dedicated to diagnosis, treatment, education, and research of post traumatic stress disorders and traumatic brain injuries. As proposed, the NICoE project calls for demolishing an existing structure to construct a new two-story, 80,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility.

The Commission commended the applicant and their design team for an innovative design that integrates the traditional architecture of the historic buildings and is a positive addition to the campus.

The meeting concluded with the Commission authorizing circulation of the Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP) for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2009-2014. The action allows staff to circulate the proposed plan for a 45-day public review and comment period. This year's report contains 195 projects; 163 of which are recommended for funding and 30 that are recommended for future programming. The estimated total, not including the 32 future projects, is \$8,599,071,000.

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The Commission also approved six consent calendar items (no presentation given): preliminary and final site and building plans for the main building of the National Maritime Intelligence Center; revised final site and building plans for perimeter security at the National Museum of Natural History; concept design for Howard D. Woodson Senior High School; preliminary and final site and building plans for Deanwood Community Center and Library; land dedication and partial street closing in Square 559, L and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets, NW; and the District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2014.

Information about actions taken at today's Commission meeting can be accessed at [www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov).

*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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