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NCPC Unveils Competition Designs for President's Park South

Washington, DC –The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) invited five talented architecture and landscape design firms to develop concepts to beautify the security components and improve the visitor experience at President's Park South. This popular destination is located between the White House Grounds and Constitution Avenue, NW. Beginning today, Tuesday, June 21 and running through Monday, June 27, the public is invited to view the project teams' designs. The designs can be viewed online at [NCPC's website \(www.ncpc.gov/ppdc\)](http://www.ncpc.gov/ppdc) and at the White House Visitor Center (1450 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC). The center is open daily from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm EST. The public will be able to share their opinions online and at the visitor center.

On Tuesday, June 28 at 12:30 pm EST NCPC will host a public showcase where representatives from the five design firms will present their concepts for President's Park South. Members of the public wishing to speak at the showcase should sign up by email at info@ncpc.gov by noon on Monday, June 27 EST. Individuals and organizations will have up to three minutes to speak. The showcase will also be streamed live at www.ncpc.gov/live.

All public opinions will be shared with NCPC's Interagency Security Task Force, which will rank the finalists and announce the competition winner on June 30, 2011.

The firms that developed proposals are **Hood Design Studio**, San Francisco, CA; **Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates**, New York, NY; **Reed Hilderbrand Associates**, Watertown, MA; **Rogers Marvel Architects**, New York, NY; and **SASAKI**, Watertown, MA.

President's Park South is one of the most visited locations in the nation's capital, and represents a unique design challenge that requires sensitive integration of security requirements into a landscape of extraordinary cultural and historic significance. The area includes Sherman Park, the First Division Monument, the Ellipse and its side panels, as well as the associated roadways in the area, including E Street, NW, which has been closed to unauthorized vehicular traffic for the past decade.

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The National Park Service-led interagency *Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park* (2000) set the vision for this important historic public space. The results of the NCPC-sponsored design competition will inform the development of alternatives for President's Park South that will be undertaken by the National Park Service and the United States Secret Service. These alternatives will be examined through a federal and local review and approval process, including a NEPA Environmental Assessment, over the course of the next year.

Additional information is available on [NCPC's website \(www.ncpc.gov\)](http://www.ncpc.gov). To RSVP for the June 28 design competition showcase, visit www.ncpc.gov/rsvp.

Details: ***President's Park South Design Competition Public Display***
June 21 - 27, 2011, open daily from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm EST
White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC
Online: www.ncpc.gov/ppdc

President's Park South Design Competition Showcase
Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 12:30 pm EST
NCPC, 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC
The showcase will also be streamed live at www.ncpc.gov/live

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall 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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