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Virginia Wins National Innovation Award

~ 14th Street Parking Deck Garner National Acclaim, Foundation Made With Recycled Materials ~

RICHMOND, VA – The Commonwealth of Virginia has been recognized for its demolition/recycling/construction project on 14th & Main Streets as one of the top projects in the nation by being selected by the National Association of State Facilities Administrators (NASFA) for the 2005 Award for Innovation in the Design and Construction Category.

The project consisted of demolishing the Consolidated Lab and Motor Fuel Lab on 14th and Main Street, recycling the almost 14,000 tons (28 million pounds) of asphalt, concrete, steel and debris, and constructing a new parking deck with 1,500 spaces. This resulted in a savings, a conservative estimate, of more than \$485,000. The team spearheading this new approach to demolition and construction was Richard F. Sliwoski, Director of Engineering and Buildings; Bruce Brooks, Director of Bureau of Facilities Management; John Mitchell, Assistant Director of Bureau of Facilities Management; and Chinh Vu, Project Manager in the Virginia Department of General Services.

Instead of hauling materials to a landfill the Department of General Services (DGS) initiated this recycling effort to re-use the materials, which is not required under state law. For example, 100 percent of the concrete from the old buildings was crushed on-site and used as backfill materials for the foundation of the new parking deck. As for the steel and asphalt, these materials were sent to a specialized recycling center instead of a landfill. The recycling process was completed April 2004 and the construction of the \$19 million dollar parking structure is now under way and scheduled to be completed in July 2005, ahead of schedule.

Established in 1993, the NASFA Innovations Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a state facility organization in establishing an innovative new program or improving an existing program. The program is intended to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness in state government in three categories, Design and Construction; Operations Maintenance; and Real Estate Management. In June, the winners of the 2005 NASFA Innovations Awards will be recognized at an awards banquet during the 18th National Conference & Resource Expo in Phoenix, Arizona. NASFA is a professional organization whose mission is to provide leadership in the development and implementation of state facility administration practices.

In 2004, the Commonwealth's innovative approach to this demolition/recycling/construction project also garnered national media attention by being featured in national trade publications and The Wall Street Journal. This project was also recognized by the Virginia Recycling Association and awarded the 2004 Greenbuilder Award.

For more information about the 14th Street Parking Deck log on to the Department of General Services web site at www.DGS.virginia.gov and click on Capitol Square Improvements. For more information about NASFA log on to www.NASFA.net.

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