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USRC SELECTS BCA TO DEVELOP HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR WASHINGTON UNION STATION

Washington, DC – Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) has selected Building Conservation Associates, Inc. (BCA) to lead in the development of a historic preservation plan for Washington Union Station.

The development of the plan is a joint initiative lead by USRC, Union Station Investco (USI), Amtrak, and Akridge. It will include a catalogue of historical information from the Station's construction to present day, as well as a technical analysis of the current condition of the historic elements, and will serve as a guide for future preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction efforts.

"The preservation of the historic and architectural significance of Washington Union Station is a top priority for USRC." said USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley. "Our partners recognize the value in the development of this plan, which aligns with the mission to ensure that any new development or proposed changes within the building are done in a manner that is considerate and mindful of the unique and special place that Daniel Burnham, the original architect, created with the initial design of Union Station."

As the Station enters its 2nd Century it continues to experience accelerated growth as a regional transportation and retail facility, and serves over 32 million visitors annually. As Station partners continue to focus on enhancements to accommodate the growing demand, recent renovations include improving vehicular and pedestrian circulation on Columbus Plaza, expanding the intercity bus terminal, rehabilitating the historic Main Hall, and introducing new modes of transportation resources.

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About Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC)

Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) was established in 1983 as a non-profit organization charged with overseeing Washington Union Station's restoration and renaissance as a multi-modal transportation center and a retail/entertainment center while preserving its significant historic character. Today, USRC continues to oversee Union Station as a premier world class inter-modal facility meeting the needs of more than 100,000 people who stream through the station daily. The USRC generates its revenue through operation of the parking garage and management of the developer's lease.

About Building Conservation Associates, Inc. (BCA)

Building Conservation Associates, Inc. (BCA) is a consulting firm that specializes in both the technical and historical aspects of restoring buildings and works of art. BCA also assists clients in the preparation of federal rehabilitation tax credit applications. BCA's approach to conservation is pragmatic, combining field documentation, archival research, materials testing, and scientific research to satisfy project requirements without compromising quality. Since its founding in 1985, BCA has maintained an experienced staff of preservationists, conservators, scientists, architects, historians, planners and artisans. BCA has developed a reputation for its practical approach in the fields of historic preservation and materials conservation. BCA has offices in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia.

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