October 8, 2008

Patty Rose
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Dear Ms. Rose:

At its October 8th meeting, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) passed Resolution R58-08 supporting the GreenSPACE concept. The Board is interested in further exploring formal participation through our Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG) in the GreenSPACE initiative. GreenSPACE is envisioned as a learning center, meeting place, and one-stop-shop for green building professionals, policy makers, and the public to learn about and exchange ideas on green development in our region. A central element of COG's regional green building policy is the need for continuing training and establishing information clearing house to facilitate regional green building implementation. It is our understanding that GreenSPACE has the potential to fill this void.

The Board also recognizes that the GreenSPACE initiative is in its start up phase and that additional work is forthcoming by an appointed advisory committee on both organizational structure and funding. We welcome the opportunity to work with GreenSPACE in defining a collaborative role in advancing green building capacity, advocacy, policy, and training among both local governments and the private sector in the region. The GreenSPACE concept is consistent with and supportive of COG's green building policy.

I look forward to COG's participation in this initiative. If you have any questions, please contact George Nichols of the COG staff at 202-962-3355 or gnichols@mwcog.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Knapp, Chair
Board of Directors

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