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HAMEL BUILDERS SELECTS E-LANDSCAPE FOR HOUSE OF LEBANON PROJECT

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Maryland-based Mid Atlantic general contractor Hamel Builders has selected E-Landscape Specialty Solutions to provide commercial landscaping services for the House of Lebanon in Washington, DC. House of Lebanon is an adaptive reuse project involving redevelopment of The Margaret Murray Washington Career High School (MM Washington), a historic school building located in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington DC. Built in 1912, the school is part of a cluster of African American schools constructed around the same time as middle class African American families, who were restricted from living in other sections of the city by restrictive covenants, moved into the neighborhood in the late nineteenth century.

In 2009, MM Washington was closed and deemed surplus property by the District of Columbia Public Schools. As a result, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development issued a competitive bid for redevelopment of the property, and ultimately awarded the contract to Mission First Housing Development Corporation and its partners, Mt. Lebanon CDC and Urban Matters LLC.

The House of Lebanon project will preserve the historic integrity of the MM Washington building while bringing much needed affordable housing and community space to a transforming neighborhood. The project, which was designed by Cunningham Quill Architects, features 82 units of affordable senior housing and 12,000 square feet of community space, and will comply with Enterprise Green Communities criteria.

E-Landscape's scope of work includes landscape installation, pavers, and structural soil.

"The House of Lebanon project is a fantastic addition to our growing portfolio of affordable housing work," commented E-Landscape President Eric Drenner. "It is also another opportunity for us to team with Hamel Builders, a company with which we've developed a strong partnership."

E-Landscape Specialty Solutions is a premier provider of commercial landscape design, installation and landcare services in the Mid-Atlantic region. For more information, see www.e-landscapellc.com.

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