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Douglas Jemal Awarded Downtown Citizen of the Year

Washington, DC — November 2, 2010 — Douglas Jemal, President of Douglas Development, will be presented with the Business Improvement District (BID) Citizen of the Year award at the 2010 Momentum Awards Reception on November 9th. Jemal is being honored for spurring a Downtown revitalization that preserved historic structures and created a mesh-network of commercial retail establishments, when few believed Downtown DC could support such growth.

“I am a kid from Brooklyn, but the District is my home,” Douglas Jemal says of being named the Downtown Citizen of the Year. Jemal added, “I am humbled and honored by this award. There are a lot of people doing great things in this city. I share this award with all the partners who have helped make this city what it is today. Thanks to a lot of hard work, DC is now a vibrant and thriving place where people want to live and work.”

Douglas Jemal’s ability to transform and add value to underdeveloped, yet emerging areas has won him notable praise and recognition. *Washingtonian* named Jemal as one of the “45 who shaped Washington from 1965-1985” in its October 2010 issue. Douglas Jemal was also honored as Development Partner of the Year at the Shaw Main Streets Gala at the Historical Society of Washington, DC.

Currently the largest private property owner in the area, Douglas Development attracts and pursues the most sought after tenants, including high-end retailers and upscale restaurants. Douglas Development’s tenants in the East End of Washington, DC include some of the largest law firms and Fortune 500 companies; however, what sets Douglas apart is their unwavering commitment to attracting dynamic retail tenants that, in turn, change entire neighborhoods. Once a neglected neighborhood, today the East End is known as a DC mecca for shopping, dining, and luxury condominiums.

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