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Douglas Development Leases Historic Engine 6 Firehouse to Washington, DC Restaurateurs

*Sixth Engine Will Open In Late 2011 At 400
Massachusetts Avenue, NW*

Washington, DC — March 14, 2011 — Douglas Development just announced that a new American bistro, Sixth Engine, will move into 3,600 square feet in the Douglas Development-owned Engine 6 firehouse in late 2011. Located on the same block as the upscale Mount Vernon apartment buildings, The Dumont and 425 Massachusetts Avenue, Sixth Engine will directly benefit from the influx of new tenants moving to the area.

The restaurant will be owned and operated by a group of longtime friends, none of whom are strangers to DC's restaurant scene. Gavin Coleman currently runs the Dubliner, the Irish pub that has been a Capitol Hill staple since his father opened it in 1974. Coleman is joined by partners Jeremy Carman, Paul Holder, Paul Madrid, and Tim Walsh – the same partners who opened the Glover Park restaurant and bar, Town Hall in 2005.

Coleman describes how he and his partners decided on the firehouse for Sixth Engine: "We loved the history of the building and wanted to open a neighborhood spot with outdoor seating. We couldn't think of a better location than Mount Vernon." Coleman continues, "Our goal is to ensure that Sixth Engine is designed in a way that showcases and preserves the history of the building."

Norman Jemal, Vice President and Principal of Douglas Development, adds, "The structure is very unique and offers an old world charm, with great outdoor seating. The surrounding neighborhood has matured greatly over the last few years and is continuing to do so. The growth potential for both residential and office space is unsurpassed by any other market in the city."

The Engine 6 firehouse is the oldest firehouse in Washington, DC. Built in 1855 for the Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company (MHL), the firehouse still retains the original “MHL” insignia above the entrance. Douglas Jemal recognized Mount Vernon’s potential long before other developers and retailers, which is what led him to purchase the firehouse from the city in 2005. Today, the neighborhood is one of the most sought after addresses in the District and continues to attract top restaurants like Sixth Engine.

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