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## **VMS, Inc. Wins American Council of Engineering Companies Award -Partnership with the District of Columbia and FHWA recognized by Metro Washington Chapter-**

**RICHMOND, VA** – VMS, Inc., a Virginia-based infrastructure asset management company, was awarded Honorable Mention in a recent “Excellence in Engineering” competition held by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Metropolitan Washington.

VMS, Inc. received their award in the non-design category for a project in which the company preserves and maintains more than 75 miles of major streets and highways in the National Highway System (NHS) used by residents, commuters and tourists in the Nation’s capital. In this first urban performance-based asset management contract in the United States, VMS partnered with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the District of Columbia’s Department of Transportation (DDOT) in this unique pilot project called *D.C. Streets*.

Under the *D.C. Streets* contract, VMS is responsible for the management of the maintenance of the system to contract performance standards. VMS accomplishes the work through self-performance of routine and preventive maintenance, and also utilizes the resources of various local subcontractors. A hallmark of the VMS approach has been to identify and help create opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses to become an active and viable participant in the D.C. marketplace.

“We’re thrilled that ACEC of Metropolitan Washington has recognized this unique project for the success that it has been. Our partners -- FHWA and DDOT -- deserve a great deal of credit for looking for a new solution to growing maintenance needs,” said Rich Herlich, President of VMS, Inc.

VMS, Inc. – which uses a nationally-recognized innovative management approach in maintaining highway and roadway assets such as pavements, bridges and tunnels – started in Virginia, and now has contracts in five states and the District of Columbia.

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