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## Greater Washington Partnership Expands Board of Directors

*Four area business leaders join the CEO-led effort to spur regional economic growth*

**Greater Washington, May 11, 2017** – The [Greater Washington Partnership](#) (Partnership), a group of leading CEOs and entrepreneurs aimed at addressing the critical economic issues facing the Greater Washington region, announced today the addition of four board members to its 17-person founding Board of Directors, bringing the total to 21. Joining the Partnership board will be:

- Wes Bush, Chairman, CEO and President of Northrop Grumman Corporation
- Chris Crane, President and CEO, Exelon Corporation
- Sheila Johnson, Founder and CEO, Salamander Hotels & Resort
- Luis Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (Honorary Advisor)

Founded in December 2016, the Partnership will focus on tackling the issues fundamental to the region's growth and prosperity including attracting, developing and retaining individuals for the jobs employers need now and into the future; strengthening regional transportation mobility; fostering an environment that facilitates innovation and entrepreneurship in high growth industries; and increasing recognition of Greater Washington, from Baltimore to Richmond, as a vibrant, global hub for commerce.

Luis Moreno will serve as a non-voting, honorary advisory member of the board and will chair the organization's new Global Advisory Council, which will aim to leverage the region's unique connections to the rest of the world to strengthen the regional economy.

The Partnership recently announced that Jason Miller, a former White House National Economic Council senior official, would serve as the group's inaugural Chief Executive Officer. Miller took over as CEO on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional announcements that address specific initiatives undertaken by the Partnership will come later this year.

"I am thrilled to welcome these dynamic and thoughtful leaders to the Greater Washington Partnership team," said **Russ Ramsey, Chairman of the Greater Washington Partnership and CEO of Ramsey Asset Management**. "Sheila, Wes, Chris and Luis are incredible additions to what is already an impressive group that spans from Richmond to Baltimore and cuts across sectors, industries and areas of expertise. Together, we are committed to solutions that can harness the assets and economic potential of Greater Washington to become one of the world's best places to live, work, and build a business."

**Wes Bush** is **Chairman, CEO and President of Northrop Grumman**, a leader in global security headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia. Bush was named chief executive officer and president in January 2010, and elected to the company's Board of Directors in 2009. He assumed the role of chairman in July

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2011. Bush serves on the board of directors of Norfolk Southern Corporation, as well as the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including the Aerospace Industries Association, Business-Higher Education Forum, Conservation International, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation and the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

“This region has tremendous assets including infrastructure, innovative companies, excellent education and a strong human capital base,” **said Bush**. “I look forward to working with the Greater Washington Partnership to help further our economic success and continue to advance the quality of life in the region.”

**Chris Crane** is the **President and CEO of Exelon**, one of the largest electric companies in the United States and a major Washington region employer. Crane has worked in the nuclear industry for over thirty years, spending nearly twenty of those years at Exelon in a variety of roles before rising to lead the company. He is vice chairman of the Edison Electric Institute and chairman of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, and a member of the board of directors for the Economic Club of Washington, DC.

“Exelon’s investment in the region — from our new Constellation headquarters on Baltimore’s Harbor Point to dramatic service improvements for our Pepco customers — reflects the shared interest we have with the Greater Washington Partnership in growing the economy here and developing a skilled, innovative workforce to support it,” **Crane said**. “We continue to hire in the region as part of our commitment to bring on hundreds of new employees and invest more than \$11 million in workforce development programs, which benefit our company and the entire region.”

**Sheila Johnson** is the **Founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels & Resorts**, a portfolio of luxury properties based in Middleburg, Virginia, as well as Vice-Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment. She also serves as President and Managing Partner of the WNBA’s Washington Mystics. Johnson was one of the founders of Black Entertainment Television. She is a leading philanthropist for causes such as combatting global poverty, promoting education and the arts, and empowering women into leadership roles. She was also a member of the board of directors for Washington 2024, the organization that led the effort behind Greater Washington’s bid for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“Our region must take proactive and bold action if we are to address the challenges facing our business community and citizens in a rapidly expanding global economy,” **said Johnson**. “The Greater Washington Partnership is exactly the kind of private sector-led, regional approach we need. As a proud business-owner in Northern Virginia, I look forward to working with leaders from Richmond to Baltimore and everywhere in between to advance our shared interests and achieve powerful results.”

**Luis Alberto Moreno** is the **President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)** in Washington, D.C., which serves as the largest source of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to leading the IDB, a job he assumed in 2005, Moreno was Colombia’s Ambassador to the United States for seven years. He also served as Minister of Economic Development in Colombia and was advisor to a leading private sector conglomerate in that same country. In 2016, Moreno was elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee in his capacity as President of the IDB. Furthermore, he is a Foundation Board Member of the World Economic Forum.

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**Moreno said:** “Since its creation in 1959, the Inter-American Development Bank has proudly had its headquarters in the Greater Washington area. We are a diverse organization from 48 different countries who are committed to improve the lives of others, while contributing to make the best of our community.”

***About the Greater Washington Partnership***

The Greater Washington Partnership is a team of civic-minded CEOs, drawing from leading businesses and entrepreneurs, who are committed to making the Greater Washington region—from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world’s best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region’s extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen Greater Washington as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

The Partnership team includes the CEOs and leaders of Ramsey Asset Management, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Monumental Sports & Entertainment, Johns Hopkins University, Capital One Financial Corporation, Dominion Resources, MedImmune, S&R Foundation, WGL Holdings, Inc. and Washington Gas, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, Under Armour, The Carlyle Group, McKinsey & Company, MedStar Health, T. Rowe Price, Rally Health, EY, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Exelon Corporation, Inter-American Development Bank, and Salamander Resorts and Hotels. Information about the Greater Washington Partnership is available at [www.greaterwashingtonpartnership.com](http://www.greaterwashingtonpartnership.com).