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THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER DEBUTS CONSUMER BUYING SERVICE

WASHINGTON (May 2009) – The Washington Design Center is proud to announce its new Consumer Buying Service, which offers consumers who are not currently using an interior designer an exclusive opportunity to shop the Washington Design Center's showrooms.

"The Consumer Buying Service offers consumers an exclusive insider purchasing opportunity," said Mitchell Ammons, director of marketing, MMPI. "Teaming up with design professionals allow consumers to take their homes to a new level and this service makes it easier for them to do this."

Through the Consumer Buying Service, consumers can now access a unique courtesy purchasing service that allows them to procure a limited number of to-the-trade items from any of the Design Center showrooms. With the Consumer Buying Service, consumers receive a free, one-hour designer consultation with a design professional.

Consumers can use their one-hour appointment with their design professional in a multitude of ways:

- Review floor plans
- Ask color questions
- Discuss solutions for design problems
- Shop for and purchase to-the-trade items

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please visit www.dcdesigncenter.com.

About The Washington Design Center:

Dedicated to providing the finest in home furnishings to the design trade, The Washington Design Center houses over 60 wholesale residential, commercial and building products showrooms. Considered the mid-Atlantic region's largest resource and destination for the design industry, The Washington Design Center works closely with designers to guarantee consumers the best possible luxury shopping experience.

The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW in Washington, DC. Above the Federal Center SW Metro Station, The Washington Design Center is served by the Orange and Blue lines.

To learn more about the Spring Design House, The Washington Design Center and its showrooms, programs and special events, call 202.646.6100 or visit the Design Center online at www.dcdesigncenter.com.

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and The Washington Design Center

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