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District wins City Accelerator Grant

Joins three peer cities to advance innovative infrastructure solutions

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, the District of Columbia was selected for the City Accelerator’s cohort on infrastructure finance and will work with public officials and thought leaders from across the country to develop a pipeline of projects and the technical capacity to build them via the new Office of Public Private Partnerships (DC OP3).

“Putting District residents on pathways to the middle class is a fundamental goal of my administration, but it requires robust infrastructure across a range of sectors,” said Mayor Muriel Bowser. **“Knowing the challenges we face and the tools the District has in place to address them, we are looking to the City Accelerator, Living Cities and Citi Foundation to help us create an actionable plan for infrastructure that will create jobs, broaden prosperity, and more effectively serve residents and visitors alike.”**

The City Accelerator, an initiative of Living Cities and the Citi Foundation, aims to help accelerate the adoption of promising innovations in cities that will have a significant impact on the lives of their residents. The District of Columbia will join Pittsburgh, St. Paul, and San Francisco over the next 18 months to explore and adopt new practices and policies to help close funding gaps to fully implement their infrastructure plans, with particular attention to projects that will have an impact on low-income residents.

“Public-private partnerships represent a great opportunity to build critical facilities and better serve our residents,” said Seth Miller Gabriel, Director of DC OP3. **“But, creating a comprehensive P3 program requires technical capacity across agencies that we will create with this grant.”**

DC OP3 is charged with building collaborations between the private sector and District government to deliver major infrastructure projects and other public services through long-term, performance-based agreements. The Office was established by the Public-Private



Partnership Act of 2014, which was authored by Mayor Bowser, and launched in November 2015. For more information, please visit op3.dc.gov.

Citi and the Citi Foundation are committed to helping cities become more efficient and empower citizens by providing access to services that enhance livability and prosperity. For more information, please visit <http://www.citigroup.com/citi/citiforcities/>.

The Governing Institute provides ongoing coverage of work and learnings from the cohort cities and related efforts across the country at <http://www.governing.com/cityaccelerator>.

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