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DULLES CORRIDOR RAIL ASSOCIATION TO PRESENT LEADERSHIP AWARD TO GOV. WARNER ON JUNE 1

The Board of Directors of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) will present its Leadership Award to the Honorable Mark R. Warner, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on Wednesday, June 1. The reception will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Sallie Mae's corporate offices in Reston, Virginia.

Governor Warner and his Administration have demonstrated sustained leadership in support of transit improvements in the Dulles Corridor and have successfully managed the transit project through the environmental phase during which Metrorail was selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative. Preliminary Engineering of the 23-mile Metrorail extension is well underway and construction of the 11-mile first phase through Tysons Corner to Wiehle Avenue in Reston is scheduled to begin in 2006.

DCRA Chairman Kenneth Plum (Virginia Delegate from Reston) and DCRA Vice Chairman Vincent Callahan (Virginia Delegate from McLean) will present the award, which will be received by Virginia Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer.

Sam Carnaggio, Dulles Metrorail Project Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, will provide an update on the Dulles Rapid Transit Project.

Sallie Mae, the reception sponsor, employs 10,000 people nationwide and is the nation's leading provider of funding for student loans. The company's headquarters are in Reston, Virginia.

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