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UDC and General Physics Corporation awarded \$2.9 million Grant from Department of Homeland Security

Washington, D.C., - The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and General Physics Corporation (GP) were successfully awarded \$2.9 million under the FY 2007 U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) and the Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP). The award will fund the development and deliverance of innovative training programs addressing high priority national homeland security training needs.

UDC teamed with GP in May 2007 to submit an application for funding under the of Homeland Security (DHS) National Preparedness Training Program (NPTP), Competitive Training Grants Program (CTGP). On September 28, 2007, DHS announced \$113 million in grant money for national preparedness training initiatives under both the 2007 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) and the Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP). A DHS FY07 CTGP award of \$29.1 million to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, national associations, higher education institutions, non-profit organizations, and the private sector will fund

competitively selected applicants. Legal issues in preparation, response, and recovery comprised one of five focus areas identified by DHS for its FY07 CTGP competitive funding awards. The UDC/GP team's CTGP National Legal Preparedness Training Program (NLPTP) was successfully awarded funding of \$2.9 million under the FY07 CTGP to develop and deliver this innovative training program over the next three years.

“This is an enormous honor and opportunity to assist DHS in developing a multi-faceted curriculum to address our country's legal preparedness needs,” said Angelyn Flowers, JD, PhD, NLPTP Director and Professor at the UDC's Institute for Public Safety and Justice. “The National Legal Preparedness Training Program will help fill the gap in the Nation's arsenal of innovative training programs addressing high priority homeland security training needs. Based on our combined background and experience, the UDC/GP team is poised to deliver the required services in accordance with best practices and industry standards for a blended learning environment to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of training and education for our partners in the homeland security arena.”

The NLPTP will provide for a review of laws, guidelines and plans, while aiding in the development and advancement of legal tools to ensure that agencies and their respective personnel understand their roles and the required legal authority needed to provide critical services to their communities. The educational thrust of the NLPTP will provide career professionals with a relevant and expansive curriculum to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to meet growing homeland security demands. This program will ensure consistency and soundness of legal recommendations and decisions made throughout the preparedness, response and recovery cycle, further aiding in the mitigation of exposure to liability and enhancing the ability to provide meaningful and prompt legal assistance to emergency managers and response agencies at all stages.

GP Executive Vice President for Homeland Security, Energy and Government, Tom Davis notes, “The UDC/GP team will, in many ways, be charting a new course in Homeland Security. Both UDC and GP have extensive experience in the development of training and learning materials for organizations across a wide variety of educational and training entities, trade industries, and for Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments –

particularly in the homeland security and emergency management fields. We look forward to our partnership with DHS and UDC on this most important initiative.”

About UDC and the Institute for Public Safety and Justice

The University of the District of Columbia, the nation’s only urban land-grant institution of higher education, is a Historically Black College/University with an open admissions policy. UDC is the only public institution of higher education in the District of Columbia. The University is a comprehensive public institution offering quality, affordable post-secondary education to District of Columbia residents, public sector, and local and federal agencies headquartered in the Nation’s Capital at the certificate, associates, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. These programs prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce, for the next level of education, for specialized employment opportunities, and for lifelong learning. The University fulfills many missions in serving the Nation’s Capital. Responsive to the occupational needs of District residents and multi-agency workforce, the University is not only a graduate and baccalaureate degree granting institution, it is also a community college. Ever mindful of these responsibilities, the University continues to design programs and produce competitive graduates in response to the needs of the District and the Nation.

The Institute for Public Safety and Justice (IPSJ) is a central part of the Criminal Justice Program at UDC. It was made possible through enhancement funding from the Council of the District of Columbia. The IPSJ seeks to meet the training needs of criminal justice, public safety, and other emergency management and response agencies. To this end, it has the capacity to provide an analysis of an agency’s training needs and to design a program to meet those specific needs. The Institute also works with community and faith-based groups to strengthen their organizational capacity. Additional information may be found at www.udc.edu.

About GP

GP is the principal operating subsidiary of GP Strategies Corporation (NYSE: GPX). GP is a global performance improvement solutions provider of training and e-learning

solutions, management consulting, and engineering services. GP provides education and training strategies and solutions designed to help customers optimize technical and workforce performance, safety, and security to meet their specific requirements and needs. Since 1966, GP has been providing performance-based training, procedures, emergency management, and domestic preparedness solutions. Clients include Fortune 500 companies, manufacturing, process and energy industries, and other commercial and government customers. Additional information may be found at www.gpworldwide.com.

The University of the District of Columbia is the fully-accredited sole public source for accessible, inclusive, affordable, and comprehensive public higher education in the District of Columbia and provides additional life-long learning opportunities. The University delivers quality instruction and uses student-centered approaches to empower and benefit both individuals and its local communities. The University, an urban land grant institution, is a very diverse community, a gateway to the world, and a significant investment engine for the District of Columbia. The University is located at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, and is conveniently located at the Van Ness/UDC stop on the Red Line of Metro. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and University Spokesperson at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.

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