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MAYOR NUTTER APPOINTS MEMBERS TO MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DIVERSITY

Philadelphia, March 31 – Today, Mayor Michael A. Nutter announced his fifteen appointees to the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Construction Industry Diversity: Bernard E. Anderson, Emily Bittenbender, Bruce Crawley, Sharon Dietrich, Sharmain Matlock-Turner, Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, Walter Palmer, Robert Reinstein, Joe Sellers, Narasimha (Nick) Shenoy, Carl Singley, Sam Staten, Jr., Anthony Wigglesworth, Senator Anthony Williams and Mario Zacharjasz. Carl Singley will serve as Chairman of the Commission.

In considering his appointments, Mayor Nutter solicited candidate recommendations from elected officials, building trades leadership, community organizations and other interested stakeholders. "The membership of the Commission represents an inclusive effort to identify a diverse set of leaders in our community who will commit themselves to setting an effective course for change," said Mayor Nutter.

The Advisory Commission was established by Executive Order No. 5-08 on February 4, 2008 in response to concerns about a lack of minority participation in the building trades. "I would like to praise City Council for taking action on this critical issue and for spearheading this historic effort to work towards true inclusion within Philadelphia's construction and building trades," said Mayor Nutter.

The Advisory Commission is charged with conducting a comprehensive analysis and review of the construction industry in Philadelphia and with developing a comprehensive program to substantially increase the participation of women and minorities with the goal of achieving a workforce that reflects the overall demographics of the City. The Advisory Commission will submit its initial findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council by September 1, 2008. The Commission will receive staff support from the City Law Department.

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Bernard E. Anderson is a Practice Professor of Management at the Wharton School of Business.

Emily Bittenbender is the President of Bittenbender Construction Co., a woman-owned, union-affiliated general contracting and construction management company.

Bruce Crawley is president and principal owner of Millennium 3 Management, Inc.

Sharon Dietrich is an attorney with the Employment Law Project of Community Legal Services.

Sharmain Matlock-Turner is the President of the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition.

Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller represents Philadelphia's 8th Councilmanic District.

Walter Palmer 3rd is the President and CEO of General Building Contractors Association.

Robert Reinstein is the Dean of the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Joe Sellers is the President and Business Manager for Sheet Metal Workers Local #19.

Narasimha (Nick) Shenoy is the Executive Director of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia.

Carl Singley is an attorney at WolfBlock.

Sam Staten, Jr. is the President of Laborers' Local 332.

Anthony Wigglesworth is the Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Labor Management Project.

Senator Anthony Williams represents Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Mario Zacharjasz, AIA, is co-founder and principal of PZ Architects, LLC and president of Puente Construction Enterprises, Inc.

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