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SOC Enterprises Selected to Receive Pro-Bono Consulting from Compass Team

SOC Enterprises (SOC) is proud to announce that it has been selected to receive a pro bono consulting team from Compass in 2010-11. Compass provides pro bono consulting services to nonprofits benefiting the Greater Washington community. Compass volunteers, mainly MBA graduates from top business schools, provide strategic consulting services over nine months. SOC Enterprises was one of 27 nonprofits selected from 52 applicants addressing unique, and critical needs in a wide range of issue areas that include workforce development, education, children and youth, the homeless, the environment, and the arts.

About SOC Enterprises

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SOC Enterprises is an Arlington based non-profit community rehabilitation center that provides jobs, vocational training, job placement and supportive services to people with disabilities. In addition to its commercial printing business located in Arlington and commercial warehousing business located in Herndon, SOC also operates nine Ability One government contract work sites throughout the region that employ more than 200 people. SOC programs assist people with disabilities, wounded warrior veterans and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients to find and sustain community jobs. SOC recently celebrated its 51st anniversary.

SOC's newest program, *Vets Ready2Work*, has signed 41 service disabled veterans and in its first year of operation and placed 11 individuals in community jobs. To find out more about SOC, call 703-521-4441 or visit www.socatwork.org.

According to Linda Chandler, CEO of SOC Enterprises, "SOC's board and staff are thrilled with the opportunity to tap the significant knowledge and experience that Compass volunteers offer to develop a project that will allow our employees with significant disabilities to be more fully employed and advance SOC's mission to expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities."

About Compass

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Now in its ninth year, Compass' mission is to strengthen the capacity, effectiveness and sustainability of nonprofits that benefit the Greater Washington community. Compass volunteer teams guide nonprofit Executive Directors and Board Chairs to generate short-term gains and long-lasting organizational improvements.

According to Suzanne Laporte, Executive Director of Compass, "Nonprofit leaders do an amazing job of implementing their programs every day to bring much needed services to their clients. Compass volunteers are an additional resource for these leaders. With their business education, experience and expertise, Compass volunteers can bring a new perspective to

nonprofits, as well as analysis and recommendations that address the specific challenges that each Compass nonprofit client faces.”

Since 2001, Compass has provided pro bono consulting to more than 100 Greater Washington nonprofits, with approximately 850 volunteers. In 2009-10, 185 Compass volunteers provided more than \$2 million of pro bono consulting services to 21 Washington area nonprofits.

Compass works closely with 12 local business school alumni clubs to recruit volunteers:

Harvard, Stanford, Wharton, Tuck (Dartmouth), University of Chicago, University of Virginia, Columbia, Yale, Cornell, MIT, Northwestern, and Duke

"Business professionals are looking for a way to give back to their community using their business skills," said Cassandra Hanley, Chair of the Compass Board of Directors. "In this tough economy, nonprofits need all the extra resources they can get to ensure efficient operations and long-term sustainability. Compass brings these two groups together, and both the nonprofits and volunteers are better for the experience."

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