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Howard University Announces New Vice President for Research and Compliance

Washington, D.C., May 7, 2007 – Mr. Oliver G. McGee III, Ph.D., has been appointed vice president for Research and Compliance by President H. Patrick Swygert, effective July 1, 2007.

McGee will oversee all aspects of the research and sponsored programs administrative enterprise. Working closely with the provost and vice president for Health Sciences, he will shape academic and fiscal research policies, manage the process for the submission of proposals and the subsequent administration of grants, contracts and cooperative agreements awarded to Howard University and Howard University Hospital, and represent the University's research interests to federal, state and local governments, industry, foundation, consortia, and other national and international constituencies.

Currently, McGee is a professor of civil engineering at The Ohio State University (OSU) and former chair of OSU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science. He is the first African-American full professor and departmental chair of OSU's College of Engineering. As department chair, McGee led a large research enterprise with 150 individuals under his supervision, and managed research and development budgets in excess of \$20 million.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Dr. McGee's caliber onboard," said Swygert. "He is a stellar professional and the university will benefit greatly from his expertise in this critical area of research compliance. On behalf of the community, I welcome him with tremendous enthusiasm."

McGee has held many positions in which he has had responsibility for management, oversight and executive coordination that in many cases have resulted in governmental policy regarding science and technology. In 1996, he was the Martin Luther King visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; from 1997 to 1999, he served as a senior policy analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and in 1999, he was appointed by President Clinton as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Technology Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

He is also a former member of the National Science Foundation Advisory Committee for Engineering, where he participated in shaping science, engineering, and technology policy and future investments, as well as monitoring procedures and guidelines for receipt and merit review of proposals for NSF funding from the Directorate of Engineering. Among Dr. McGee's many national awards are the Career Communications Group's 2004 *Fifty Most Important Blacks in American Research Science Award*, and 2005 *Top Minorities in American Research Science Award*.

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A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, McGee graduated from (OSU) with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1981. Subsequently, he received a Master of Science in civil engineering in 1983, and a Doctorate in engineering mechanics (with a minor in aerospace engineering) in 1988, both from the University of Arizona. In 2004, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

Howard University is one of 48 U.S. private, Doctoral/Research-Extensive universities and comprises 12 schools and colleges. Founded in 1867, students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Since 1998, the University has produced two Rhodes Scholars, a Truman Scholar, a Marshall Scholar, 13 Fulbright Scholars and nine Pickering Fellows. Howard also produces more on-campus African-American Ph.D.s than any other university in the world. For more information on Howard University, call 202-238-2330, or visit the University's Web site at www.Howard.edu.

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