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### **WISH ENGAGED BY VISIONCORPS TO HELP ESTABLISH HOUSING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VISION IMPAIRED**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – VisionCorps, a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit providing employment opportunities for people who are blind or vision impaired, recently engaged WISH as it expanded its work into Washington, D.C. The newly established D.C. team, comprised of five individuals who are blind or vision impaired, will support Contract Closeout efforts for the Department of Commerce. This opportunity for additional growth comes as a result of VisionCorps’ 10 years of proven success in Contract Closeout for the Federal Government in various capacities. While WISH typically provides intern housing and residential life services, it identified a partnership with VisionCorps as an opportunity to provide housing for newly re-located employees who are blind or vision impaired.

“Our employees have been provided with the opportunity to experience the best of D.C. living, thanks to our partnership with WISH. WISH not only has the best housing locations on Capitol Hill, but they’re committed to our employees’ success. WISH adapted their rooms to increase accessibility for our employees who are blind and vision impaired, which has made for a great experience,” said Carolyn Madison, Director of Services at VisionCorps.

The inaugural D.C. team has encountered a few obstacles due to the recent government shutdown, but VisionCorps overcame these initial setbacks so that the team may be fully committed to completing its work without further delay.

“We’re very excited to have VisionCorps as part of the WISH family. We appreciate the opportunity to help bring this experience to employees who are vision impaired, in D.C.,” said Jean-Marie Leonard, Vice President of School Partnerships and Student Engagement. “Washington D.C. is one of the most diverse cities in the world and we’re very proud to be

working with VisionCorps to ensure the contributions of talented individuals who happen to be vision impaired, working in the nation's capital.”

### **About VisionCorps**

VisionCorps was founded in 1926 with the goal of empowering individuals with vision loss to attain independence. VisionCorps serves individuals who are blind or vision impaired through rehabilitation services and/or employment opportunities. Its Enterprise Group focuses on employing people who are blind in manufacturing, food processing, and administrative services. For more information, please visit [visioncorps.net](http://visioncorps.net) or call 1-866-876-6550.

### **About WISH**

For over 25 years, WISH has been the leading intern housing and residential life services provider in Washington D.C. WISH works with Colleges and Universities around the world to provide thousands of D.C. interns student housing for the terms needed whether it be fall, spring, summer or all year. Faculty housing, classrooms, conference rooms, and reception room are all available for WISH residents' needs. For more information, go to [www.internsdc.com](http://www.internsdc.com).