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*Department on Disability Services Celebrates Disability Employment Awareness Month*  
**REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES EMPLOYERS WHO INVEST IN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Washington, DC**— Today, Thursday, October 29, the D.C. Department on Disability Services will celebrate October's designation as **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)** by hosting an **Employer Recognition** event at the Smithsonian Castle Common, 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC. The event begins at 9 am. Billy W. Wright, National Program Manager for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program is the keynote speaker.

- WHAT:** EMPLOYER RECOGNITION EVENT
- WHY:** NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (NDEAM)
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015
- WHO:** BILLY WRIGHT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DISABLED VETERANS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM  
DISTRICT BUSINESSES
- WHERE:** SMITHSONIAN CASTLE, 1000 JEFFERSON DRIVE, SW, WDC
- TIME:** 9 AM - NOON

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), NDEAM seeks to raise awareness about disability employment issues and foster a more inclusive workforce. This year's theme is: *My Disability is Only One Part of Who I Am*. Read stories about employees with disabilities on the Department on Disability Services' website: [www.dds.dc.gov](http://www.dds.dc.gov) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DDS.DC>.

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The mission of the Department on Disability Services is to provide innovative, high quality services that support people with disabilities to lead meaningful and productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces and community. The Department is comprised of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the State Office of Disability Administration, and the District of Columbia Social Security Disability Determination Division.