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The Walter E. Washington Convention Center picked **Group Goetz Architects** to help design its 132,000 square-foot renovation project.

The D.C.-based firm, along with **Forrester Construction** and Columbia Enterprises, will complete the \$10 million job that is expected to be done in December.

Existing interior space will be turned into 60,000 square feet of new meeting rooms and 72,000 square feet of exhibit space.

Sound-insulated folding partitions will be installed, enabling the area to be used for large spaces or broken up for several smaller spaces. The new space could be used for meetings, exhibits, and banquets.

Under the design plan, audio visual and energy management elements will be added to the center's lighting and mechanical controls.

The center currently has 150,000 square feet of meeting space, 703,000 square feet of exhibition space and 52,000 square feet of ballroom space.

Existing clients are growing large enough to where the facility might not meet their needs, explained **Washington Convention Center Authority** CEO Gregory O'Dell late last year as the reason for the project.

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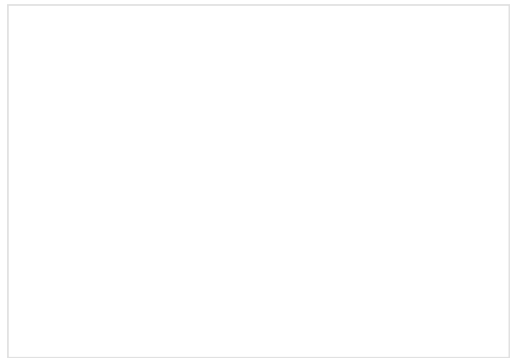
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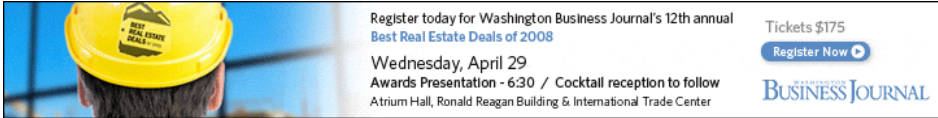
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