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## **Forum for Expatriate Management (FEM) DC Chapter Holds Inaugural Meeting**

*Secor Group Selected as Founding Member and Chapter Leader*

**Washington, D.C., May 17, 2010** – The Baltimore Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter of the Forum for Expatriate Management (FEM) held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the University Club. FEM, and each of its chapters, is a community of international human resource and global mobility professionals. The greater DC area chapter is the first organization of its kind in the region. The Secor Group, a global mobility, logistics and transportation company, was selected as founding member and chapter leader.

“Washington, DC is a natural home for a FEM chapter with its concentration of corporations, NGOs and government agencies engaged in business abroad,” said Don Rankin, Vice President of Business Development for Secor Group Mobility Services. “Having a group like this where we can share ideas, learn from past experiences, and create stronger bonds among professionals in our industry is fantastic opportunity that the Secor Group is proud to lead.”

FEM chapters are open to in-house HR, operations and finance professionals who employ and manage international staff as well as selected service providers who bring expert advice and support to facilitate cross border employment and living. The goal is to create a cooperative environment for sharing best practices, discussing common challenges, accessing stakeholders, and peer-to-peer networking. Representatives from leading defense, IT, aerospace, hospitality, finance, media and management consulting companies as well as NGOs and specialized service providers attended the inaugural meeting of the FEM DC Chapter.

The Baltimore Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter will arrange guest speakers, thought leadership panels and best-practice workshops on such key issues as regulatory policy, compensation, security, social media and international assignments, global workforce challenges, employment law and tax administration as well as other subject matter members deem appropriate.

“The New York FEM Chapter has proven to be an invaluable resource for us, contributing to our understanding of global mobility issues, offering HR professionals solution-driven insights, and helping our members anticipate change,” said William R. Sheridan, Vice President International Human Resource Services, National Foreign Trade Council. “If



attendance is a leading indicator of industry interest and long-term potential, then the FEM DC Chapter is off to a great start. The Secor Group and all who helped make this event a success should be commended for their efforts.”

The next meeting of the FEM Baltimore Washington Chapter is scheduled for June 24, 2010 at the University Club in Washington, DC. Registration begins at 5:45pm. A September meeting is currently being scheduled in Northern Virginia/Tyson’s Corner area. Date, time and location TBD. To learn more visit: <http://www.totallyexpat.com/baltimore-washington-metropolitan-area-chapter/>

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