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**SOUTHERN COMPANY PRESENTS ANGELA RYE WITH HONOR DURING
45th ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

(WASHINGTON, DC)—On September 18th, Angela Rye, Principal of IMPACT Strategies, will receive an award for her significant mentorship contributions at the 7th Annual Evening of Excellence during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 45th Annual Legislative Conference.

Rye is being recognized for her unyielding commitment to creating opportunities that have opened doors for the next generation. Rye's dedication to mentorship is more evident through IMPACT, which she and a select group of colleagues founded as a resource and pipeline for minorities ages 21-40 by providing programming focused on civic engagement, economic empowerment, and political involvement. By continuing to develop lasting mentoring relationships with young men and women who have come to Capitol Hill and the Greater Washington DC area, Rye has demonstrated the importance of support circles.

"I am humbled to be honored by Southern Company during The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, which has been tremendously important to my development as a professional in DC" said Angela Rye, Principal of IMPACT Strategies. "I have benefitted greatly from the relationships I have with my mentors and so many of them are CBC members. I am grateful for the wisdom and guidance I receive through each of my personal life and work experiences during my journey in the legal profession and as a political consultant. I believe it is imperative that I pay it forward with the next generation of leaders."

Previous honorees of the Evening of Excellence are actress, Alfre Woodard, TV personality Judge Glenda Hatchett, chairman and CEO of BET Networks, Debra Lee, writer and creator of "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl, Issa Rae, founder and president of the National Action Network, Rev. Al Sharpton and U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

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