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HEI Hotels & Resorts Makes Being Green Look Easy
Company Wins 2009 Corporate Energy Management of the Year Award

NORWALK, Conn., June 11, 2009—HEI Hotels & Resorts, the nation’s fastest growing private owner/operator of hotel real estate, today announced the company will be presented with the 2009 Corporate Energy Management of the Year Award at The Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)’s Awards Celebration Banquet, held in conjunction with the World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC), on November 4 of this year. The event will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

“Energy consumption is one of the leading issues facing the world today,” said Bob Holesko, CEM, vice president of facilities, HEI Hotels & Resorts. “This recognition validates our belief that ‘going green’ is something that all companies should work to achieve. Incorporating new technologies that improve energy efficiency and that recycle and reuse goods creates a win-win situation for everyone involved. Reducing energy consumption is just part of HEI’s commitment to becoming a better member of each of our communities.”

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The award honors HEI's dedication to the "green movement" via its concerted effort to reduce its carbon footprint, retrofit the fixtures at its properties with energy-conserving light bulbs, and better manage heating and air conditioning systems to decrease cooling water consumption. AEE is a global non-profit association that promotes "sustainable development" in private and public sectors through scientific research and development and outreach programs, including conferences, technical journals, books and certification programs. The awards banquet will feature dedicated environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as keynote speaker.

"Sustainability is a major cornerstone of HEI's corporate responsibility mentality," said Steve Mendell, HEI's executive vice president of acquisitions and development. "We are implementing socially responsible strategies and policies throughout our entire hotel portfolio and recently formed a committee of associates to identify opportunities for further community and environmental involvement."

About HEI Hotels & Resorts

HEI Hotels & Resorts, headquartered in Norwalk, Conn., is a leading hospitality investment firm that acquires, develops, owns and operates full-service, upper-upscale and luxury hotels and resorts throughout the United States under such well-known brand names as Marriott, Sheraton, Westin, Le Méridien, Embassy Suites, and Hilton. For more information about HEI, visit the company's website, www.heihotels.com.