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CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER HONORED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Convention Center Receives Awards for Charitable Excellence and Core Value Success

HARTFORD, CT (February 7, 2012) --- The [Connecticut Convention Center](#) in Hartford was the recipient of the Charitable Excellence award as well as the Core Value award for success at the recent [Waterford Hotel Group](#) Annual Leadership Conference and Awards Celebration. The 3-day conference, held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa in Groton, CT, allowed managers from each of the company's 28 properties to gather and share ideas on leadership, best practices and the Waterford Hotel Group core values. The Connecticut Convention Center was honored during an awards ceremony held to recognize the company's top performers from 2011.

"In 2011 the associates at the Convention Center were actively involved in numerous fundraising activities throughout the year, and had a high participation percentage in the Foundation's voluntary payroll contribution program," commented Rob Winchester, President and COO for Waterford Hotel Group. "They made a positive impact in Hartford and proved they are committed to causes that affect their community."

The Connecticut Convention Center is owned by the State of Connecticut; their operation is overseen by the Capital City Economic Development Authority, and is professionally managed by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group, a leader in the hospitality and gaming industries.



Photo: Mike Costelli, General Manager of the Connecticut Convention Center, accepts the Charitable Excellence award during the Waterford Hotel Group Annual Leadership Conference and Awards Celebration. (L-R) Len Wolman, Chairman & CEO, Waterford Group; Mike Costelli, General Manager, Connecticut Convention Center; and Rob Winchester, President & COO, Waterford Hotel Group

About the Connecticut Convention Center

The Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford is the state's premier meeting venue and the largest full-service convention facility between New York and Boston. Overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River, it features 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 40,000-square-foot ballroom and 25,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as ample sheltered parking. The facility is served by more than 6,500 local area hotel rooms, including the 22-story Marriott Hartford Downtown, adjacent to the Convention Center. The venue is professionally managed for the State of Connecticut by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group. For more information, please visit www.ctconventions.com.

About Waterford Hotel Group

Waterford Hotel Group has experience operating virtually every type of hotel property, including select service properties, all-suite hotels, conference centers, and large full service and resort properties. The company's approach to hotel development and operations is hands-on, and features frequent site visits and constant communication with customers and partners. Additionally, Waterford Hotel Group offers centralized accounting, financial reporting, strategic marketing, human resources, and day-to-day operations management systems to increase market share and profitability at all properties. For more information, visit the company's website at www.waterfordhotelgroup.com.