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**CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER NAMED 2014 PRIME SITE
BY FACILITIES & DESTINATIONS MAGAZINE**

Ninth Consecutive Year State-Owned Facility Awarded with Industry Honor

HARTFORD, CT (May 12, 2014) – The Connecticut Convention Center was presented with a 2014 Prime Site Award by Facilities & Destinations (F&D) Magazine. The Center is among 88 total venues announced in the *2014 F&D SuperBook* issue out this month.

Since 1991, the awards have been presented annually to the top convention and exposition centers in North America and are given out in three categories: Convention Center, Conference Centers, and Hotels & Resorts. Throughout the year, F&D readers cast their votes through ballots provided in their print publications as well as on the publication's website.

This is the ninth consecutive year the facility has been recognized with the accolade since opening in 2005. "We are honored to be named as a 2014 Prime Site," states Michael Costelli, General Manager for the Connecticut Convention Center. "Our team takes pride in providing the highest quality service and this award speaks to our commitment to ensure that every experience at the Center is memorable."

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.

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