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Emory Conference Center Hotel to Become the First LEED Certified Conference Center in Atlanta - Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2009

The Hotel is Completing a Major Expansion that will be LEED Silver Certified for its Sustainable Design ATLANTA, March 17 /PRNewswire/ -- The Emory Conference Center Hotel is in the final phase of a major renovation and expansion that was started in March 2008. The multi-million dollar expansion is expected to be completed in May of this year and includes a new five-story structure to be certified LEED Silver (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) by the U.S. Green Building Council. The new building is connected to the existing hotel by a pedestrian bridge and includes 127 new guest rooms, 6,000 square feet of additional meeting space, a six-lane bowling alley with retro decor that includes a full bar and game room. A new parking garage has been added as part of the expanded facilities.

Upon completion, the added guest rooms and meeting space will result in Emory Conference Center Hotel offering a total of 325 guest rooms with six suites and 32,000 square feet of meeting space. The new 6,000 square-foot meeting space will consist of a ballroom, boardroom, and a technologically advanced seminar room. Several lushly landscaped outdoor patio areas are being added, including one with a fire pit.

Extensive renovations are being made to the indoor pool, health club, club room, dining room, and the kitchen in the existing building. The hotel is also working towards achieving LEED status for the existing building as well.

Kathryn Johnson, General Manager of the Emory Conference Center Hotel said, "Our entire team is excited about the expansion and the opportunities it affords us as Atlanta's only LEED certified Conference Center. In addition, as part of the Emory University Campus, and because of our commitment to architecturally fitting into the beautiful wooded area that we occupy, it is only a natural progression to have a LEED certified expansion that offers a sustainable design solution and respects our environment," added Johnson.

About Emory Conference Center Hotel

Opened in 1995, the Emory Conference Center Hotel is a full-service property nestled in 26 acres of forest preserve at the Emory University campus in Atlanta. Inspired by the architectural design of Frank Lloyd Wright, the hotel is a member of the Green Hotels Association and is the only property in Georgia certified by Green Seal, Inc. The Emory Conference Center Hotel is a member of the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). The facility is owned by Emory University and managed by Crestline Hotels & Resorts, Fairfax, VA (www.crestlinehotels.com). The hotel is located at 1615 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA, 30329. For more information or to make reservations guests may visit www.emoryconferencecenter.com or call 404-712-6000 or 800-933-6679.

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