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HYATT REGENCY BOSTON EARNS EPA'S ENERGY STAR® FOR SUPERIOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

BOSTON, MA (June 21, 2010) – Hyatt Regency Boston has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) prestigious ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency. This signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency.

“Hyatt Regency Boston is pleased to accept the EPA's ENERGY STAR in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts,” said Hyatt General Manager Philip Stamm. “Through this achievement, we are proud to have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs.”

The EPA reports that, commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR rating use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Hyatt Regency Boston improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically and by making cost-effective improvements to its building.

“Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting our environment,” said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. “From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR.”

To earn the ENERGY STAR, Hyatt Regency Boston took the following actions:

- Converted from incandescent lighting to fluorescent and LED lighting;

- Installed motion detector light switches in all hotel storage and offices;
- Added passive infrared, motion detector thermostats in all guest rooms to control room temperature based on room occupancy and guest preference;

- Installed CO2 sensors to optimize the amount of outside air used in building and to bring in fresh air when needed to take advantage of free cooling for much of the year;

- Improved and replaced heating and cooling systems, including purchasing an energy-saving chilled water plant, energy efficient motors and variable speed drives throughout the facility.

- Programmed all mechanical equipment with time schedules;

- Rooftop exhaust fans controlled by an energy management system:

- Changed heating system to plate and frame two pipe heat exchanger to limit electric heat;

- Added variable frequency drives to our domestic water pump station;

Based on data collected monthly by Dunamis Energy Consultants and submitted to the EPA, Hyatt Regency Boston has reduced its electricity usage by a remarkable 42% over the years; having initially started at 12.3 million kilowatts of usage per year and making vast improvements to reach 7.1 million kilowatts. Hyatt Regency Boston is the first and only hotel in the Greater Boston area to receive the 2010 ENERGY STAR certification.

Dan Ruben, Executive Director of Boston Green Tourism, said, "Hyatt Regency Boston is a model for reducing energy use and carbon pollution. They cut energy use by a greater extent than any hotel that I have encountered in person or in the green hotel literature. It impresses me that they willingly share their strategy with other hotels. They have made terrific presentations at workshops for hoteliers from Greater Boston and from all of the northeast states."

Hyatt Regency Boston's Director of Engineering, Brian Gorski, has spearheaded the efforts in attaining this prestigious award. Additionally, he has formed an onsite "Green Team" comprised of employees and managers from each department. The committee meets on a regular basis to research green initiatives, encourage guest participation and communicate green messages to guests and employees. This team is essential in promoting employee accountability and encouraging teamwork regarding Hyatt Regency Boston's green way of life.

In conjunction with the energy reducing efforts, Hyatt Regency Boston takes pride in many other green efforts, such as: composting food in the hotel kitchens to become fertilizer for growing

organic foods, relaying hotel information via e-mail instead of paper distribution, recycling papers, plastics, glass, light bulbs, electronic parts, batteries and much more.

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale is eligible for the ENERGY STAR. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. Last year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved nearly \$17 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 30 million vehicles.

For more information about Hyatt Regency Boston visit www.hyattregencyboston.com . For more information about ENERGY STAR visit www.energystar.gov.

About Hyatt Regency Boston

Hyatt Regency Boston, situated in the heart of the city, provides luxurious accommodations and a prime location to experience everything Boston has to offer. This 498 room, newly renovated hotel places you within walking distance to boutique shopping, numerous theatres, lively nightlife and many historic tourist attractions. Enjoy the hotel's extensive, 24-hour fitness center featuring an indoor swimming pool, eucalyptus steam room, sauna and therapeutic massage services. Spectacular views, convenient location and unparalleled service make Hyatt Regency Boston the perfect hotel for any occasion.

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