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**CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER NAMES NEW
NATIONAL SALES MANAGER**

HARTFORD, CT (February 15, 2013) – The Connecticut Convention Center recently named Michael Mulcahy as its newest National Sales Manager. In his new role, Michael will be responsible for booking national association convention business that will utilize multiple hotels in the market as well as offsite venues. He joins the National Sales Team in uncovering business that will help achieve the Convention Center's long term goals. The facility is owned by the state of Connecticut, and is managed by Waterford Venue Services, with headquarters located in Waterford, CT.

Michael comes to the Convention Center from the Starwood Hotels & Resorts where, since 2005, he served as a Sales Manager for the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel located in Atlanta, GA., handling the Association, Corporate and Government market segments based in Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland. In a sales capacity, Michael has also worked for Wyndham Hotels & Resorts for the Mid-Atlantic region, Sandcastle Hotels and Resorts in Alexandria, VA, the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in Washington DC, and the Hilton Hotel Corporation at various locations throughout the country.

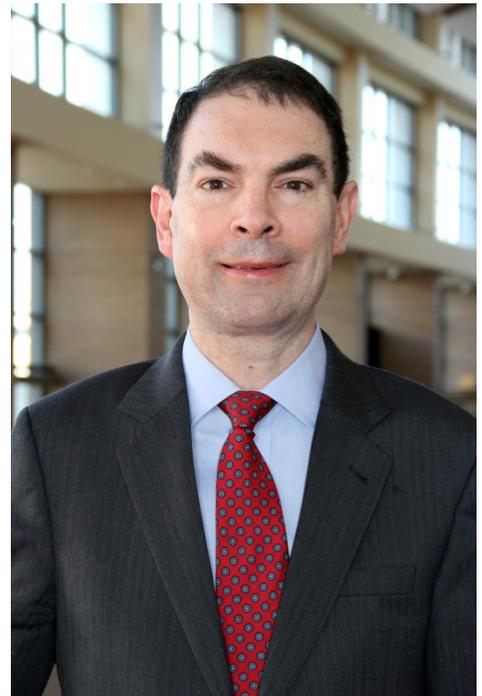
We welcome Michael as a new member of our Convention Center Team!

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 Venue Services

Waterford Venue Services is a subsidiary of Waterford Hotel Group, Inc., with headquarters in Waterford, CT. Waterford Hotel Group currently manages 24 properties in 7 states, including the 540,000 square foot Connecticut Convention Center. Waterford Hotel Group has experience operating virtually every type of hotel property, including limited services 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, please visit the company's website at www.waterfordgroup.net



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