



For information, contact:

Lisa Beers

Vice President, Public Relations

Waterford Hotel Group, Inc.

Ph. (860) 442-4559

lbeers@waterfordgroup.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WATERFORD HOTEL GROUP HONORS CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER WITH FOOD & BEVERAGE TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD AND RECOGNITION FOR SUCCESS

Photo: (L-R) Len Wolman, Chairman & CEO, Waterford Group; David Goldstein, Director of Human Resources, Connecticut Convention Center; Roger Morgan, Director of Operations, Connecticut Convention Center; Michele Hughes, Director of Sales and Marketing, Connecticut Convention Center; Daryl Gross, Director of Finance, Connecticut Convention Center; Mike Costelli, General Manager, Connecticut Convention Center; and Rob Winchester, President & COO, Waterford Hotel Group.



HARTFORD, CT (February 4, 2013) --- Waterford Hotel Group awarded the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford with the Food & Beverage Team of the Year award and a Core Value award for sustained success at the company's recent Annual Leadership Conference and Awards Celebration. The 3-day conference, held at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, was attended by more than 85 managers from Waterford Hotel Group and its managed portfolio. The conference provided attendees the opportunity to celebrate past successes while gaining new resources to excel in the coming year.

The Connecticut Convention Center received the Food & Beverage Team of the Year recognition at an awards ceremony held during the conference to recognize the company's top performers from 2012. The award was presented to the convention center team for excelling in all areas of food & beverage for the year, including staff excellence and outstanding customer service. The convention center also received a Core Value award at a celebratory luncheon during the conference, for their continued success throughout all departments in 2012.

"No group is too large or too small for the Connecticut Convention Center team in order for them to show their culinary, organizational, administrative and service abilities," commented Rob Winchester, President and COO for Waterford Hotel Group. "Their exceptional guest service, outstanding food and delivery, and passion for what they do sets them apart from all the rest and we are thrilled to be able to honor them with this award," added Winchester.

- More -

The Connecticut Convention Center is owned by the State of Connecticut and is overseen by the Capital Region Development Authority. The center is professionally managed by Waterford Venue Services, an affiliate of Waterford Hotel Group, a leader in the hospitality industry.

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 is one of the nation's leading hotel and convention center management companies. The company operates 32 properties in 9 states, representing nearly 4,000 total rooms and nearly 700,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. The collective expertise of the team and track record of success has earned Waterford distinction as an approved operator for the leading hotel brands. Whether the involvement begins at conception or during operation, Waterford Hotel Group strives for successful performance and profitability of each managed property, while maintaining the highest standards of quality, service, and cleanliness. For more information, visit www.waterfordhotelgroup.com.

###