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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pullman Completes \$1.8 Million Renovation

*Washington hotel upgrade showcases quality and commitment to customer satisfaction;
Planning is underway for unveiling event to introduce new facility to local businesses*

Pullman, Wash.—Oct. 2, 2009—The Pullman Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites today announces the completion of a six-month, \$1.8 million renovation to its award-winning property, located at 1190 SE Bishop Blvd. in Pullman, Wash. As part of its 15th Anniversary celebration, Pullman's premiere 130-room hotel (including 24 suites), received a complete facelift to its guestrooms, guest bathrooms, and public spaces including the lobby, breakfast area, pool, and business center. Planning for a Pullman Chamber "After Hours Gala" is underway to share the excitement of the renovation with local businesses and the community.

All guestrooms were upgraded with new furnishings, fixtures and equipment, including: 32-inch flat screen plasma TVs, ergonomic desk chairs, carpet, drapes, wall paper, furniture, bedding, in-room microwaves and refrigerators. Guestrooms also feature in-room coffee, wireless Internet, hair dryers, on-demand movies and free local calls. Guest bathrooms were adorned with new granite countertops, tiled floors, new tubs and vanities. The lobby area received new tiled and carpeted floors, and additional breakfast bar space was added. Other public-space upgrades include new wallpaper and lighting in the guest hallways, along with new indoor pool/patio furnishings and new computers for the business center. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pullman also features 1,100 square-feet of flexible meeting space, and complimentary Express Start Breakfast each morning and evening cookies and milk. Vandervert Construction of Spokane, Wash., did all remodeling.

This is the third major renovation of Pullman's Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites since opening in 1992. This time, the program coincides with a corporate re-launch conducted by IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) to create a more contemporary brand image and consistency in all 3,125 IHG brand products, which includes all Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites around the world. The corporate program includes a new logo that will be

seen when new signage is installed in the coming months. The new logo will serve as a reminder of Holiday Inn Hotels and Suites and all InterContinental Hotels commitment to enhanced quality of product and guest service.

The Hotel Group of Edmonds, Wash., serves as the national management company that operates the Pullman Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites. General Manager Meghan Wiley, Sales and Operations Manager Allison Levenseller, and Guest Service Manager Justin Beaver manage the hotel locally. Douglas Dreher, President & CEO of The Hotel Group, along with Wiley, Levenseller, and Beaver all are loyal Washington State University alumni. All have shared their time and experiences teaching and lecturing at the WSU School of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Local owners Wenzel and Julanne Leff said, "This is our third major renovation, including many little changes made in between. We have always done them because Meghan, Allison and others in our management team believed it was the right time to 'Change our dress, fix our hair a little differently, and use some different make up' to please and impress our guests and to let them know how important their comfort and respect are to us. It's been a lot of fun for us getting to the top and working hard to stay there. We also feel that we have a responsibility to provide our community and our universities with a hotel they can be proud of.

"Our management takes this responsibility very seriously, which is reflected in the fact that our hotel has received 6 Torch Bearer Awards, multiple Quality of Excellence Awards, as well as awards for Marketing Manager of the Year, House Keeping Manager of the Year, Breakfast Hostess of the Year twice, Maintenance Manager of the Year, and applause for the introduction of fresh cookies and milk at bedtime; a considerable achievement when you realize that there are 2500 Holiday Inn Express Hotels with whom our employees compete for those honors," the Leff's added.

"We hope that everyone visiting this area will check out the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites," G.M. Wiley said. "Guests that walk through our doors tell us they are extremely impressed with the physical upgrades and continued award-winning guest service. We are confident that this hotel will be a big hit with those visiting our neighboring universities and the other entertainment venues that surround us. It's an exciting time to be a Holiday Inn Express & Suites brand, and we can't wait to share our excitement with the community when we host our renovation celebration."

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites is situated less than one mile from Washington State University, less than four miles from WSU's Palouse Ridge Golf Course, less than eight miles from the University of Idaho and only 10 minutes from the Pullman/Moscow (Idaho) Regional Airport.

For more information on the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pullman, visit www.hiexpress.com/pullmanwa.



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