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Subject: **Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square and Lancaster County  
Convention Center Scheduled to Open June 19**

**Lancaster, PA** (June 10, 2009) — Penn Square Partners (PSP) and the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority (LCCCA) are pleased to announce that the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square and Lancaster County Convention Center facility is scheduled to open for business on June 19. In light of the opening date, events celebrating the launch of the facility are being planned, including a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 18. Additional details will be announced in the coming days.

Employee training began June 1 and the certificate of occupancy was received on June 5. Interstate Hotels, which manages the operation of the integrated facility, is directing the final preparations for opening in order to welcome and serve guests.

The first large-scale use of the facility will be the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities 110th Annual Convention, which will bring more than 500 people to Lancaster beginning June 22. The convention is scheduled for June 24-26.

“We are eager for the opening of the doors to this unique facility. It will be another driver in the economic vitality of Lancaster,” said Art Morris, Chairman of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority.

Nevin Cooley, President of Penn Square General Corporation, added, “As one of the project leaders, we are grateful for the continued support and patience of everyone who was affected by the construction delay during this home stretch to achieve opening. We have every confidence that the facility will exceed expectations and make Lancaster just as proud of the facility as we are of Lancaster,” Cooley said.

The new venue, which anchors historic Penn Square, offers abundant space for groups ranging in size from 5 to 5,000 people, with more than 90,000 square feet of flexible meeting space including a convention and exhibition hall, two grand ballrooms, and several finely appointed meeting and board rooms.

Expansive windows offer an infusion of natural light and extraordinary views onto the Downtown. In the 300-room hotel portion of this integrated facility, meeting attendees will find all the amenities commanded by the Marriott name, including 37-inch LCD high-def screens, smart plug-and-play system for connecting laptops to TVs, and luxurious pillow-top bedding.

Additional information is available at [www.marriottlancaster.com](http://www.marriottlancaster.com) and [www.lancasterconventioncenter.com](http://www.lancasterconventioncenter.com).

### **About the integrated facility**

The Lancaster County Convention Center is a publicly owned entity under the direction of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority; Kevin Molloy, executive director. The Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lancaster and leased to Penn Square Partners, the private company that holds the Marriott franchise.

### **About Lancaster County Convention Center Authority**

The Lancaster County Convention Center Authority is established under the Municipal Authority Act of 1945 and the Third-Class County Convention Center Authority Act. The Convention Center Authority is run by a seven-member volunteer board, which is appointed by city and county officials. The LCCCA board was charged with developing a unique and inviting convention/exhibition venue with an intergraded privately owned first-class lodging facility. In addition the LCCCA is working with Historical Preservation Trust to preserve and promote the Stevens, Kleiss & Smith historical buildings.

### **About Penn Square Partners**

Penn Square Partners consists of general partner Penn Square General LP, a High Real Estate Group LLC affiliate, and limited partner Penn Square Ltd., LLC, an affiliate of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc.

### **About Interstate Hotels & Resorts**

Interstate Hotels & Resorts, which operates The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, is the nation's largest independent hotel management company. For more information about Interstate Hotels & Resorts, visit the company's Web site at [www.ihrco.com](http://www.ihrco.com).

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