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Certified Meeting Professional Designation Awarded to Lancaster County Convention Center Sales Manager

LANCASTER, Pa. (Oct. 14, 2008) — The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square proudly announce Sarah Heath's designation as a Certified Meeting Professional. As the foremost certification of the meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry, the CMP program recognizes individuals who have achieved the industry's highest standard of professionalism. Heath's responsibilities as sales manager include sales and meeting management for the integrated facility of the convention center and the adjoining 300-room hotel, a combined 90,000 square feet of meeting space, scheduled to open in March 2009 (www.lancasterconventioncenter.com).

"Sarah Heath's designation adds a powerful punch to the sales team," noted Josh Nowak, director of sales & marketing for the Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. "The CMP designation establishes credibility giving us a measurable edge over our competition."

Heath, of East Petersburg, has worked in food operations and meeting services at different hospitality properties in the Philadelphia area, most recently at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center, overseeing events at the 750-room hotel and conference center. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware.

The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott are built in and around the façade of the former Watt & Shand department store in historic Penn Square. The \$170 million Lancaster duo is centrally located to northeast metropolitan cities and is the cornerstone to the revitalization of downtown Lancaster.

To book a meeting, convention or event at the new Lancaster County Convention Center, visit www.lancasterconventioncenter.com or call Josh Nowak at 866-503-3786 or 717-239-1601.

The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is operated by Interstate Hotels & Resorts, the nation's largest independent hotel management company. For more information about Interstate Hotels & Resorts, visit the company's Web site: www.ihrco.com.

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