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Melissa Watro Named Catering Sales Manager at Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

LANCASTER, Pa.- Feb. 23, 2009 – The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square recently named Melissa Watro as catering sales manager. She will be responsible for the solicitation, procurement & management of catering operations at the convention center and the adjoining 300-room hotel with a combined 90,000 square feet of meeting space, scheduled to open in Spring 2009. Melissa currently resides in Lancaster, Pa. (www.lancasterconventioncenter.com, www.lancastermarriott.com).

With more than 20 years of hospitality experience and a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, she most recently worked as catering manager for The St. Regis Hotel in New York, where she was part of a Five-Star, Five-Diamond Catering Team. Watro also previously held catering positions at The Palace Hotel in San Francisco and The Sheraton Grande Torrey Pines in La Jolla, Calif.

“We’re thrilled about the level of experience Melissa brings to the convention center and hotel,” said Josh Nowak, director of sales and marketing for Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. “She will be able to draw upon her extensive background and upscale catering experience for our group and social functions.”

Built at and around 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. For a virtual tour, visit www.lancasterconventioncenter.com/vrtour.asp.

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