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THE LODGE AT SONOMA RENAISSANCE RESORT AND SPA AWARDED GREEN CERTIFICATION

The Sonoma Green Business Program Recognizes Conservation Efforts

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Sonoma, CA (May 2, 2011) – The Lodge at Sonoma Renaissance Resort and Spa and The Sonoma Green Business Program today announced the official green certification of The Lodge. This certification confirms that The Lodge is in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and meets the program standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution and minimizing waste.

The hotel instituted changes such as buying recycled paper and copying double-sided, cleaning with less toxic products, using efficient lighting systems to save energy, remodeling with green materials and low-VOC paint, recycling office paper and ink cartridges and conserving water with high-efficiency toilets and faucet aerators. In addition, The Lodge relamped the entire hotel with low energy efficient bulbs, installed variable speed drive motors in the kitchen hood equipment to conserve energy, modified nearly ten acres of the ground irrigation system for water conservation and put in new energy efficient thermostats in all guestrooms.

The Lodge first embraced green initiatives in 2009 and has since integrated many new strategies that support and encourage responsible tourism and sustainability. With this certification, the city of Sonoma ranks fifth in the state of California for solar power per capita, has a bronze level "Bicycle Friendly Community," and is the first "Cittaslow" community dedicated to sustainable well-being for all. Moreover, roughly 50% of all hotel rooms in the City of Sonoma are now green certified.

The Sonoma Green Business Program is a partnership of government agencies and utilities that assists, recognizes, and promotes local organizations to operate in a more environmentally responsible way. The Sonoma Green Business Program helps businesses go beyond compliance to conserve energy, water and other resources, and to reduce pollution and waste. The program also seeks to create opportunities for industry members to share information on the implementation of programs that save money and conserve dwindling natural resources.

About The Lodge at Sonoma Renaissance Resort and Spa

Located less than an hour north of San Francisco in the heart of Northern California wine country, The Lodge at Sonoma boasts 182 beautifully appointed guest rooms with deep soaking tubs, fireplaces, signature spa amenities and meeting space for groups of up to 500. Currently celebrating its 10th anniversary, the relaxing retreat offers 10 acres of lush landscaping, a full-service pool with fire pit, the renowned Carneros Bistro and Raindance Spa – all allowing guests to relax and indulge. The Lodge at Sonoma is located at 1325 Broadway St., Sonoma, CA 95476. For more information visit their Web site at www.thelodgeatsonoma.com, call (707) 935-6600 or check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thelodgeatsonoma.

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