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## **HMSHOST AWARDED NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY CONTRACT**

*Leading concessionaire to manage 12 travel plazas on  
America's longest toll superhighway*

**BETHESDA, MD, DECEMBER 7, 2005** – HMSHost Corporation, one of the world's largest food, beverage and retail concessionaires to the travel industry, has been awarded a contract to develop and operate food and beverage concessions at twelve travel plazas on the New York Thruway. The longest toll superhighway system in the United States, the Thruway stretches 641 miles between New York City, Buffalo, and the Pennsylvania state line. Approximately 230 million vehicles travel more than 8 billion miles on the Thruway each year.

HMSHost has operated concessions on the New York Thruway since 1981 and is proud to continue its tradition of service to Empire State motorists.

The details of the new contract, which will begin in October 2006, are still being negotiated. The agreement is expected to run thirteen years with estimated revenues in excess of \$1.0 billion over the life of the contract.

As part of the agreement, HMSHost will work with the New York State Thruway Authority to renovate the twelve travel plazas at various locations from New York City to just east of Rochester.

The travel plazas will feature a variety of new restaurants including: **Starbucks Coffee, Burger King, Quizno's, Outback Steakhouse Outpost, Coldstone Creamery, Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips,** and **KFC**. The plazas will also showcase **Z-Market**, a convenience store concept geared to the needs of the discerning motorist.

### About HMSHost

HMSHost is recognized around the world for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. The company has won international recognition for its original concepts, creative store designs, and outstanding customer service. HMSHost

operates in more than 100 motorway travel plazas throughout North America.  
Every year, more than one billion travelers are exposed to HMSHost operations.