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**HMSHost Vice President Joe Waller Elected Vice-Chair  
Of ACI-NA Associates' Board of Directors**

**BETHESDA, MD, DECEMBER 12, 2005** – HMSHost Corporation, one of the world's largest providers of food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, is proud to announce that Joe Waller, Vice President of North American Business Development, was elected Vice-Chair of Airports' Council International-North America's Associates' Board of Directors.

ACI-NA is the preeminent organization for North American airports and the air travel industry. Its airport members enplane 95% of all domestic and virtually all international airline passengers in North America. The ACI-NA associates group includes more than 380 private sector businesses that provide the services, products and equipment that make commercial aviation possible. The Associate's Board of Directors leads the associates group and serves as vital link between the associates and airports throughout North America. Together with ACI-NA leadership, the Associates' Board is committed to improving airport operations and providing quality customer service for the traveling public.

"HMSHost congratulates Joe on this very happy occasion," said Les Cappetta, HMSHost Executive Vice President of Business Development. "Throughout his professional career, Joe has worked closely with ACI-NA to promote open communication amongst airport leaders and the business community. As the Associates' Vice-Chair, Joe will have even greater opportunities to carry on these very important efforts."

Mr. Waller has been a member of the Associates' Board for the past year. He has been deeply involved in a number of issues, most notably, working on the leadership of the ACI World Business Partners, ACI's global organization comprised of representatives from Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific, Africa and North America.

"I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve on the leadership of the Associates Board," said Mr. Waller. "Given both the challenges and opportunities facing the aviation industry today, ACI-NA plays an increasingly important role for

the associates, the member airports and the traveling public, and I am especially excited about working with the associates and member airports in this new role.”

### About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating innovative concession plans in travel venues. The company operates in more than 70 airport locations around the globe, including 18 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.0 billion and employs more than 26,000 associates worldwide. A wholly owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in retail and food and beverage concessions serving people on the move. With operations in fifteen countries, the combined Group has annual revenues approaching \$4.0 billion.