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## **HMSHost Contract Extended On Maine Turnpike**

**BETHESDA, MD, MARCH 2, 2006** – HMSHost Corporation, one of the world's largest food, beverage and retail concessionaires to the travel industry, announced today that the Maine Turnpike has extended its contract. The Turnpike connects Maine's most important population centers, covering 109 miles between the New Hampshire border and Augusta. Over 75 million vehicles use the Turnpike annually.

The new contract term is thirty years with estimated revenues in excess of \$950 million over the life of the contract. The new contract took effect January 1, 2006.

As part of the new agreement, HMSHost will work with the Maine Turnpike Authority to rebuild the Kennebunk North, Kennebunk South, Cumberland, and Gray travel plazas. The company will also construct a new travel plaza location at West Gardiner, near the intersection of the Turnpike and Interstate 295.

The travel plazas will feature a variety of new restaurants including ***Starbucks Coffee, Burger King, Popeye's, Sbarro, Freshens Frozen Treats, Pizza Hut*** and ***KFC***.

The plazas will also showcase ***Z-Market***, a convenience store concept geared to the needs of the discerning motorist. Z-Market will offer freshly made deli sandwiches, gourmet coffee and pastries in addition to a variety of beverages and snacks. The store will also feature an exciting merchandise assortment which will include sunglasses, upscale chocolates, and name brand t-shirts and apparel.

"HMSHost wishes to thank the Maine Turnpike Authority for the opportunity to continue serving Turnpike travelers," said Elie W. Maalouf, President and CEO of HMSHost. "There is a great spirit of partnership between our company, the Turnpike and the State of Maine, and we are very pleased that this relationship will continue to grow with the needs of the community. Providing travelers with exceptional dining and retail choices is our top goal. We will strive to make the Turnpike travel experience as enjoyable and convenient as possible."

### About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned 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 encounter HMSHost operations.