



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Sheila McGee 240-694-4196**

**HMSHOST, NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, AND NJ COMMERCE,
ECONOMIC GROWTH & TOURISM COMMISSION TO HOST
"SPOTLIGHT ON NEW JERSEY"**

Joint program will celebrate the diversity, energy, charm of the Garden State

BETHESDA, MD, JUNE 20, 2006 – HMSHost Corporation, one of the world's leading providers of food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, in conjunction with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the New Jersey Office of Travel and Tourism, will host "Spotlight on NJ," a summer celebration of the Garden State's diversity, energy, and charm.

DATE: Friday, June 23, 2006

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Molly Pitcher Service Area, between Exits 8 and 8A on the New Jersey Turnpike

Representatives from New Jersey's varied tourist attractions, points of interest, and recreational facilities will be on hand to answer questions and suggest ideas for vacations, family outings, and fun day trips. In addition, the New Jersey State Police will be offering highway and safety information to make sure that everyone's summer road trip will be safe and sound.

Concerts, giveaways, and special activities will take place throughout the day. Chief among them will be the Nathan's Famous hotdog eating contest scheduled for 1:00 PM. The winner of this regional qualifying event will compete in Nathan's national championship on July 4th in Coney Island, New York. HMSHost invites all aspiring hotdog champions to come out this Friday and compete for the right to represent the great State of New Jersey in this classic event.

"HMSHost is proud to be a part of Spotlight on New Jersey," said Tommie Sanders, Vice President of Motorway Operations for HMSHost's New Jersey locations. "New Jersey has so much for people to enjoy. We're glad that we can do our part to help people learn about all the terrific things the State has to offer."

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 shops and restaurants.

##