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## **HMSHOST AWARDED FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTRACT AT SPOKANE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

*Local favorites, proven brands to provide dynamic experiences for travelers*

**BETHESDA, MD, JANUARY 12, 2006** –Spokane International Airport is one of the leading regional airports in the Pacific Northwest United States, serving more than 3.0 million passengers annually. It is an important gateway that welcomes visitors from around the world.

More than 290 flights originate from the airport daily, serving cities throughout North America. An important economic engine for Eastern Washington and the Inland Northwest, Spokane International supports a regional economy that generated more than \$11 billion in personal income last year.

Very soon, Spokane passengers will be able to enjoy more food and beverage choices.

HMSHost, one of the world's leading providers of food & beverage concessions to the travel industry, was recently awarded a contract to develop new facilities. The 12-year contract is expected to generate more than \$100 million in sales over its lifetime.

Facilities to be developed by HMSHost under this new contract are:

- ❑ **Starbucks Coffee.** The world's most popular coffee brand, Starbucks is North America's leading importer and roaster of coffee beans. Two Airport locations will offer Starbucks' full line of beverages, a wide selection of pastries, sandwiches, salads and fresh roasted coffee by the pound and half-pound.
- ❑ **David's Pizza.** Voted "Spokane's Best Pizza" for the last nine years, David's captures the essence of authentic Italian food and New York style pizza. Each pizza is hand-crafted with only the finest ingredients that the Inland Northwest has to offer. Time-tested recipes and a variety of unique flavors have made David's one of Spokane's most popular restaurants.

- ❑ **Vintage Washington.** This full-service bar and casual dining restaurant celebrates the heritage and growing legacy of Eastern Washington's wine industry. Showcasing wines from seven prominent wineries in the Spokane area, Vintage Washington will feature local wine-tastings along with a variety of beers, spirits and a full casual-dining menu from **Chili's**, one of America's favorite restaurants.
- ❑ **Quiznos Sub.** One of America's fastest-growing and most popular sandwich concepts, Quiznos will serve a variety of freshly-made sandwiches toasted to perfection, tasty soups, and delicious breakfast sandwiches.
- ❑ **Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company.** HMSHost has teamed up with one of the Inland Northwest's most popular microbreweries to bring a true taste of Spokane to the airport. The concept will feature four popular Coeur D'Alene brews in addition to sandwiches and salads from world-famous chef Wolfgang Puck.

Other planned restaurants include: **Wolfgang Puck To Go**, the **Northern Lights Brewing Company**, **Pyramid Ales and Lagers**, **Freshens Smoothie Company**, and Italian bistro **La Pisa Café**. Construction of the new facilities will begin early next year.

#### 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 sixteen countries, the combined Group has annual revenues approaching \$4.0 billion.