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

**BETHESDA, MD** – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in providing food, beverage and retail concessions to the travel industry, is pleased to announce the election of Joe Waller, Vice President of North American Business Development, to Chair of Airports Council International-North America's (ACI-NA) 2007 Associates Board of Directors.

The Associates Board of Directors leads the ACI-NA Associate Members program which includes almost 400 private sector businesses that provide the services necessary to make commercial aviation possible. The Board is also the fundamental connection between the Associate Members and airports throughout North America.

"I am very honored to serve in this role," said Waller. "As Chair of the Associates Board of Directors, I am committed to working with my colleagues to assist ACI-NA in improving airport operations and development." Waller was first elected to the Associates Board of Directors two years ago and recently served as Vice-Chair.

"HMSHost applauds Mr. Waller on his election," said Les Cappetta, former ACI chair and HMSHost Executive Vice President. "His experience in the industry and keen ability to lead make him the ideal candidate to guide the ACI-NA Board and their efforts through a successful 2007."

Known as the "Voice of Airports," ACI-NA is the preeminent organization for the air travel industry in North America. They work to promote cooperation and communication between airport management and the business

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community by exchanging ideas, identifying unique trends, and creating forums of common interests.

“The goal of ACI-NA is to support policies and services that enable commercial service airports to best serve their passengers, customers and communities,” said Amy Peters, Senior Director of Conferences and Exhibitions for ACI-NA and staff liaison to the Associates Board of Directors. “We are pleased to have Mr. Waller serve as the Chair of our Associates Board and look forward to the leadership he will provide.”



#### About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating customized shopping and dining spaces in travel venues. The innovative company operates in more than 90 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 Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding \$4.0 billion, Autogrill is present in 30 countries with over 4,500 points of sale in 979 locations (including 138 airports and 645 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year.

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