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ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER RECEIVES GREEN LODGING CERTIFICATION BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ORLANDO, Fla., May 28, 2008 – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center “Green Lodging” certification, making it one of only 159 properties to be designated in the state. Florida’s Green Lodging Program establishes guidelines for hotels and other tourist destinations seeking green status, which encompasses water and energy conservation to name a few. “Adopting effective eco-practices is a winning combination for everyone,” stated Tim Pyne, director of sales and marketing at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center. “Collectively our guests, meeting planners and staff are all participants in making a positive difference to preserve the environment while saving resources and money.”

To become a designated member of the Florida *Green Lodging* Program, hotels must implement a variety of green practices. These practices include, but are not limited to, water conservation measures through low flow plumbing fixtures and a linen reuse program, and energy efficiency achieved by installing ENERGY STAR® appliances and programmable thermostats. The waste reduction criteria are met by providing the opportunity to recycle, purchasing items in bulk, purchasing recycled materials and by recycling ink and toner cartridges. All designated members of the Florida *Green Lodging* Program must also use green cleaners and high efficiency air filters, and clean air handler units frequently. (SOURCE: Florida Department of Environmental Protection)

This premier and eco-savvy meeting destination is home to an impressive 450,000 square-feet of event space almost entirely on one level and under one roof. It also boasts a diverse array of outstanding amenities and services including: 2,000 beautifully designed guest rooms and 110 suites, most with spacious balconies; 10 restaurants and

lounges; Marriott's Signature Red Coat Program, 18-hole championship golf course and a full service spa and fitness center. A variety of outdoor functions can even take place on the vast array of wide-open spaces and terraces that surround or overlook the resort's impressive million-gallon pool complex. An award-winning management team is on hand to orchestrate successfully any size event.

The Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center is a World beyond compare, so book now and please call **407-238-8888**, or visit www.marriottworldcenter.com.

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