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## **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND CONFERENCE CENTER, SEQUIM, WA WINS THE IHG 2010 GLOBAL PARTNERS IN SAFETY AWARD**

SEQUIM, WA (June 14, 2011) – The Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center, Sequim WA has received the IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) 2010 Global Partners in Safety Award, given to hotels achieving distinction in all aspects of their operations. As one of 14 hotels selected for the award, the Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center, Sequim had to meet the highest standards of quality, customer service and safety.

The hotel was recognized during the recent Holiday Inn Express's Washington State Town Hall meeting in Everett, Wash., May 24, 2011. Toni Skinner, General Manager, and Steve Kratz, Maintenance Supervisor accepted the award.

"I am pleased to honor the Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center, Sequim with the Global Partners in Safety Award," said Jim Swartz, vice president, Risk Management, the Americas, IHG. "Winners in this category demonstrate the highest standards in product quality, safety, security and customer satisfaction."

Hotel owner, Bret Wirta said, "This award represents a team effort that was led by Toni and Steve and included our safety partners, Approach Management, Northwest Warn, The Clallam County Fire Department and Bell-Anderson Insurance. Our insurance adjustor was so impressed by all our team had accomplished that he lowered our insurance premiums by four percent! Our guests can rest assured that our team has excelled in creating a very safe hotel."

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### **Notes to Editors:**

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