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### **Charleston Hotel Receives National Renovations Award**

*(Charleston, WV)* The Holiday Inn & Suites Charleston West has gone through quite a few changes over the last few years. The hotel, which celebrates its one-year anniversary under the Holiday Inn & Suites brand on February 16<sup>th</sup>, has now been recognized for its work to improve its property.

The Intercontinental Hotel Group (IHG) presented the hotel with the 2012 Renovations Award at its national conference in October of 2012. The award is in recognition of the hotel's work to join the IHG family of brands including extensive interior and exterior renovations work.

"The renovations have finally been completed with the addition of our two new elevators and curtains in the guest rooms" stated Melissa Stricker, Director of Marketing and Revenue Management for the hotel. "We waited to announce the award within the community until the elevators and curtains were finished. We want to put our best foot forward for the Charleston community and our guests who are visiting the area".

In addition to the new elevators, the hotel incorporated new amenities and furnishings in the rooms, changed the location of its entrance and renovated 100% of the public spaces within the hotel including the Charleston Conference Center and indoor pool complex.

"The interior is absolutely amazing. If you haven't been here since the renovations, you won't even realize you're in the same hotel" Stricker said. "We are very proud of the renovations and the recognition we've received from IHG."

"We take great pride in our hotels and we embrace the opportunity to provide accommodations that travelers to the area are interested in." stated Georgette George president of the hotel's parent company which also owns the Wingate by Wyndham and Hampton Inn Southridge, which have also been renovated in the last two years. "The new public spaces were just a beginning. This is a new start and a unique product. We're very excited about the changes."

Top notch amenities at the hotel include complimentary wireless high-speed internet, 24 hour business center, expanded cocktail lounge/restaurant, full breakfast buffet, indoor pool and Jacuzzi, fitness center and many other customary amenities.

The Holiday Inn & Suites Charleston West has 150 guest rooms, which are located on 6 floors, over 12,000 square feet of meeting space, a restaurant and weekend comedy entertainment.

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**Historic and new photos, drawings, interviews and tours are available upon request.**