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DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HITLON – CHATTANOOGA/DOWNTOWN AWARDED THE 2011 GOVERNOR’S ENVIROMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

CHATTANOOGA, July 5, 2011 – Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam has awarded The DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton - Chattanooga Downtown the 2011 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for Pollution Prevention. The award recognizes the many green initiatives that The DoubleTree Hotel has incorporated into the hotel and the surrounding community.

A few of the hotels green features include (but are not limited to): the installation of low-flow toilets and shower heads, energy efficient light bulbs, double-paned and insulated windows, and the installation of bathroom light fixtures controlled by motion sensors.

“We are honored that our efforts are being recognized by Gov. Haslam. I am extremely proud of my staff who have put in many hours of hard work over the years toward this initiative - they have made this award possible,” said Bill Mish, General Manager of DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton – Chattanooga/Downtown. “From the very beginning of our project, our sole vision and goal has been to reduce our carbon footprint. Our Staff has risen to the occasion of challenging regular hotel business practices, and as a result they have developed many significant changes,” Mish stated further.

The Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards program recognizes exceptional voluntary actions that improve or protect our environment and natural resources with projects or initiatives not required by law or regulation. This marks the 25th year for the awards program. Thirty-six professionals from various public and private organizations judged more than 100 nominations to determine the award recipients.

The 14 winners will be recognized for their achievements and positive impact on the state’s natural resources in an awards ceremony to be held in Nashville on August 12, 2011.