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**BEECHWOOD DEVELOPMENT BEGINS GROUNDBREAKING
ON NEW HILTON GARDEN INN® HOTEL IN EVERETT, WASHINGTON**
**Groundbreaking Celebration Includes Donation To NFIC And FUTURE OF FLIGHT
Aviation Center And Boeing Tour**

Everett, Washington January 25, 2005 – Beechwood Development, LLC, a Deforest, Wisconsin-based hotel company, has announced the groundbreaking of a new Hilton Garden Inn® hotel it is developing for Paine Field Hotel Development, LLC. The new hotel will be located at 8401 Paine Field Boulevard, adjacent to the new Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour Center in Snohomish County, near Everett, Washington.

“The Hilton Garden Inn brand continues to lead the upper-mid-priced category of focused service hotels and is the ideal brand for the business and leisure markets” stated Tom Arnot, Beechwood’s managing member. “We are excited to be a part of Snohomish County’s new aviation center project and adjacent to the new Boeing Tour Center and Boeing Corporation.”

“We at Hilton are proud to have Tom Arnot of Beechwood Development on our Owners’ Advisory Council,” states Adrian Kurre, senior vice-president for Hilton Garden Inn. “He is assisting our brand to lead the industry in innovation, customer service and design and construction. It is fitting that he has chosen to locate his next Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to the Boeing Corporation, with the production of its new 7E7 Dreamliner that will lead the aviation industry with its innovation.”

The groundbreaking ceremony will be attended by city mayors of Everett and Mukilteo and representatives from Beechwood Development LLC, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Boeing and the NFIC Foundation. With the Hilton Garden Inn hotel’s proximity to the FUTURE OF FLIGHT Aviation Center and Boeing Tour, Hilton Hotels Corporation, based in Beverly Hills., Calif., will be donating \$50,000 to the NFIC Foundation.

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Scheduled to open in the fall of 2005, this upscale mid-priced property will feature 102 guestrooms and executive suites offering complimentary high-speed Internet access and secure guest remote printing; 4,000 square-feet of flexible meeting space with high-tech capabilities; a 24-hour complimentary business center; a workout facility; an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool; a full-service restaurant; and an onsite guest laundry facility.

“Having a Hilton Garden Inn adjacent to our new Aviation Center and Boeing Tour gives us the ability to distinguish ourselves to our guests from outside the Region as a unique Snohomish County destination location” said Barry Smith, the Executive Director of the *Future of Flight* project. “The nationally-recognized quality and popularity of the Hilton Garden Inn brand is a powerful compliment to our Future of Flight business and leisure customers” elaborated Smith.

Hilton Garden Inn is the award winning mid-priced brand offering complimentary high speed Internet access in all guestrooms and secure remote printing to the hotel’s business center. The Hilton Garden Inn brand that is part of Hilton Hotels Corporation which is recognized internationally as a preeminent hospitality company. The company develops, owns, manages or franchises more than 2,100 hotels, resorts and vacation ownership properties. Its portfolio includes many of the world’s best known and most highly regarded hotel brands, including Hilton[®], Conrad[®], Doubletree[®], Embassy Suites Hotels[®], Hampton Inn[®], Hampton Inn & Suites[®], Hilton Garden Inn[®], Hilton Grand Vacations Club[®] and Homewood Suites by Hilton[®].

For more information on Hilton Garden Inn hotels in the U.S., Canada and Mexico or to make reservations, visit the company’s web site at www.hiltongardeninn.com or call 1-877-STAY-HGI from the U.S. and Canada.

Beechwood Development received the Hilton Garden Inn 2001 Outstanding Merit Award for its property in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and the 2003 Ramp Up Award for its property on the campus of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. This is Beechwood’s fifth Hilton Garden Inn hotel.

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