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Premier hospitality company offers one-stop shopping for brides seeking perfect venue

SEATTLE – Jan. 6, 2005 – The thousands of brides-to-be who will descend on Seattle this weekend for The Wedding Show will be looking for the ideal place for their nuptials.

Columbia Hospitality, a Seattle based company, has launched a new web site that features seven of the most unique and exciting Puget Sound area wedding venues. Among the properties -- all of which are managed by Columbia Hospitality – are the Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island; Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island; and Bell Harbor Conference Center and the World Trade Center Seattle, both on Seattle’s waterfront.

The site provides a great opportunity for couples to shop for the perfect spot – in the comfort of their own home.

Columbia Hospitality manages romantic inns and resorts across the Puget Sound. Whether a couple want stunning waterfront views of the Seattle skyline or a romantic San Juan Island getaway, Columbia Hospitality’s unique collection of properties can be the perfect place for the wedding of their dreams.

The properties can accommodate a wide range and style of weddings from intimate gatherings to celebrations with up to 400 people.

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ABOUT COLUMBIA HOSPITALITY

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (CHI), a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia Hospitality creates incredible experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for its property owners. The company manages a portfolio of distinctive properties that includes the following conference centers and event venues: Bell Harbor International Conference Center, World Trade Center Seattle, Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center (catering and events only), Harbor Steps Conference Center, Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside, Talaris Conference Center, Pier 30 Event Center and Washington Mutual Leadership Center at Cedarbrook.

The portfolio also includes the following unique inns and resorts: The Resort at Deer Harbor, The Inn at Langley, Friday Harbor House and Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes.

The company also supports an active consulting division, which has worked on more than 40 hospitality development projects in five Western U.S. states and Canada. The company was named to the *Puget Sound Business Journal*'s list of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies in Washington State" three times in the past five years.

For more information, please visit www.columbiahospitality.com.