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Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island Begins \$1.3 Million Expansion

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. – Sep. 6, 2005 – Friday Harbor House, a premier destination resort on San Juan Island, today began construction of a \$1.3 million expansion. The expansion includes construction of an adjacent two-story building with 1,100-square-feet of event and meeting space on the ground floor and three spacious guest suites above with views of the Friday Harbor.

The decision to incorporate dedicated event and meeting space into Friday Harbor House was made to address growing demand from businesses and groups seeking new and unique locations to host events in the San Juan Islands. With a capacity for up to 100 guests, the event and meeting space will be an ideal venue for weddings, social events, corporate retreats and meetings.

“When construction is completed in next spring, our guests will have access to a much needed and sought after meeting and event space in our unique setting above the harbor,” says Langdon Simons, owner of Friday Harbor House. “Combined with our exceptional rooms and service, the new space allows Friday Harbor House to truly serve every need. Our guests will have even more of the great services and amenities they’ve come to expect in our relaxing island setting.”

Designed by local architect David Kinderfather, the expansion has been designed to complement and blend with the original Friday Harbor House design.

Features include the latest in audio-visual equipment, wireless Internet capability, a plasma-screen display, a small outdoor garden and a kitchen space ideal for social functions and meetings.

The expansion also includes the addition three 460-square-foot guest suites above the meeting and event space. The new suites will feature king beds, partial views of the harbor and all the amenities currently offered at Friday Harbor House.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 2006.

Currently, Friday Harbor House features 20 well-appointed guest rooms, the award-winning Harbor View Dining Room and a 300-square-foot meeting suite that accommodates up to 10 guests.

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About Friday Harbor House

Friday Harbor House is a 20-room, contemporary, waterfront inn located on San Juan Island, the second largest island in the 743-island San Juan Archipelago in the northernmost stretch of Washington's salt waters. Friday Harbor House is owned by Langdon and Anne Simons and is managed by Columbia Hospitality, Inc. Opened in 1994, the inn features spectacular views of the marina, San Juan Channel and Mount Constitution on neighboring Orcas Island. Seasonal San Juan Island specialties are featured in the Harbor View Dining Room on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and the inn's signature breakfast is served daily.

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

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.