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Bell Harbor International Conference Center Tech Upgrade Allows Guests to Work Wirelessly Throughout the Facility

Bell Harbor Further Boosts Center's Status as Technology Leader

SEATTLE – Dec. 2, 2008 – Guests of Bell Harbor International Conference Center can now connect and work wirelessly from anywhere in the 100,000-square-foot waterfront facility, thanks to the recent installation of Xirrus, Inc.'s, 802.11abg+n Wi-Fi Arrays, a Wi-Fi system that replaces traditional Ethernet and can give coverage up to 125,000 square feet.

Installation of the system further solidifies the status of Bell Harbor, which the Port of Seattle owns, as a showcase high-tech facility. Among its tech tools, Bell Harbor offers satellite down-linking, video conferencing and electronic polling. Modeled after the United Nations, Bell Harbor's 300-seat Bay Auditorium is the only conference center in the country with six built-in simultaneous interpretation booths for multiple language meetings and events.

Now, with improved wireless connectivity, guests have access to reliable, high-speed wireless internet access anytime, anywhere within the center, which can accommodate up to 6,000 visitors.

"We are seeing many high-tech groups book at our conference centers and hotels, some with hundreds of members who live their lives connected 24/7," said Brock Laing, corporate director of Technology at Columbia Hospitality, Inc., which manages and operates Bell Harbor and other West Coast properties. "Prior to the installation of the Xirrus Wi-Fi Arrays, no one could support the density of our users."

Columbia Hospitality officials were impressed when Xirrus demonstrated how a single Wi-Fi Array with one cable-drop supported connectivity demands in the Bay Auditorium. "Our high-density issues were solved with one device," Laing said.

In addition to better performance, Bell Harbor is saving money by deploying fewer devices, less cabling, and fewer switches. "We have considerably reduced our energy consumption, which is in alignment with our green initiatives," said Laing, who added that Columbia Hospitality plans to install the device in the other properties it manages.

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About Bell Harbor International Conference Center

Bell Harbor International Conference Center is Seattle's premier waterfront conference venue, with 18 meeting rooms totaling 98,387 square feet and capacity for up to 6,000 guests. Bell Harbor is equipped with state-of-the art technology and amenities, and provides the finest service and cuisine. The Port of Seattle owns Bell Harbor International Conference Center, which Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc., manages and operates. To learn more, visit www.bellharbor.com.

About Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia Hospitality creates exceptional experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for its property owners. Specializing in

luxury hotel and resort management, Columbia Hospitality expertly transforms each vision for a unique property into an enduring and profitable business. Columbia Hospitality's premier properties include boutique hotels and secluded resorts such as the following:

- Kenwood Inn and Spa, located in Sonoma's Valley of the Moon (Kenwood, Calif.)
- The Salish Lodge & Spa (Snoqualmie, Wash.)
- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island (Langley, Wash.)
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island (Friday Harbor, Wash.)
- Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes on San Juan Island (Friday Harbor, Wash.)

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues in Washington State:

- Bell Harbor International Conference Center (Seattle)
- Talaris Conference Center (Seattle)
- Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside (Bremerton)
- Cedarbrook Center (SeaTac)

Other unique venues operated by Columbia Hospitality include the following Seattle venues:

- World Trade Center Seattle
- Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center – catering and events only

The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked with more than 80 hospitality development projects in the Western U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

About Xirrus

Xirrus, the only Wi-Fi "Power-Play," manufactures the Wi-Fi Array® architecture that displaces both overlay Wi-Fi offerings and switched Ethernet to the desktop. The Wi-Fi Array integrates 4, 8, 12, 16, or 24 802.11abg+n radios coupled to a high-gain directional antenna system into a single device along with an onboard multi-gigabit switch, Wi-Fi controller, firewall, dedicated Wi-Fi threat sensor, and an embedded spectrum analyzer. The Wi-Fi Array provides more than enough bandwidth, security, and control to replace switched Ethernet to the desktop as the primary network connection. The Xirrus Wi-Fi Array delivers the most coverage, bandwidth, throughput, and support for more users on a per device and per system basis than anything else available on the market today - resulting in a solution that uses 75% fewer devices, cabling, switch ports, power, space, and installation time compared with any other offering.

Xirrus is a privately-held company headquartered in Thousand Oaks, California. For more information, please visit www.xirrus.com.