

# KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER

AT BREMERTON HARBORSIDE

## KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES KEN MILLSAP AS GENERAL MANAGER

*Hospitality veteran brings more than 30 years of industry experience to Bremerton Harborside venue*



*(Photo caption: Ken Millsap, General Manager of the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton, Washington)*

**Bremerton, Wash.** (November 30, 2011) – Kitsap Conference Center announces the appointment of Ken Millsap as general manager. Millsap brings more than 30 years of hospitality experience to the position and in his new role, will oversee the daily operations of the 10,000 square foot event facility.

Prior to joining the Kitsap Conference Center, Millsap most recently acted as the general manager for food, beverage and catering for the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park in Tacoma, Wash., where his responsibilities included overseeing operations of the catering divisions, sales, corporate and special events of both properties.

“I am thrilled to be joining a dedicated, creative team at the spectacular Kitsap Conference Center,” said Millsap. “We look forward to continuing the property’s commitment to an unsurpassed standard of excellence, and to continuing to leverage partnerships with regional hospitality businesses to raise awareness of the Bremerton waterfront as a premier destination for meetings, events, recreation and dining.”

Lenny Zilz, vice president of operations at Columbia Hospitality added, “We feel fortunate to welcome Ken to Kitsap Conference Center and Columbia Hospitality. Ken brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to his work, and is a seamless fit for the conference center and the Kitsap Peninsula community”.

In addition to his tenure with the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Millsap served as general manager at Tacoma’s Landmark Convention Center for six years, overseeing the operation of a 101,000 square foot building with 10 ballrooms and over 600 events per year. Millsap has also acted as general manager of the Bellevue Conference Center and as the director of catering at Best Western Southcenter. A Tacoma native, Millsap resides in Gig Harbor with his family.

**About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside**

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside is a high-tech conference center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional conferences and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events. Kitsap Conference Center can accommodate 10 to 750 guests. The center, which is a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Seattle, offers views of Sinclair Inlet and is literally 100 steps from the Seattle-Bremerton ferry terminal. Amenities include free Wi-Fi service, videoconferencing, teleconferencing and onsite catering. The conference center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, visit [www.kitsapconferencecenter.com](http://www.kitsapconferencecenter.com).

**About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

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