

MEET, SHOP AND SLEEP AT TALARIS CONFERENCE CENTER

New Package at Seattle Conference Center offers Special Incentives for Meeting Planners

SEATTLE (September 10, 2009) – Talaris Conference Center’s “Meet, Shop and Sleep” package invites meeting planners to book a two-day meeting or retreat from October through December 2009 to receive a complimentary guestroom, along with a \$100 University Village gift card. The card can be used at any restaurant or store in this premier shopping and entertainment destination that is located less than one mile from Talaris.

“We recognize that budgets for off-site meetings and retreats are tight this year, so we decided to offer this special cost-saving incentive,” said Alan Stephens, general manager at Talaris Conference Center. “We encourage our guests not only to enjoy the natural setting, cuisine and guest amenities at Talaris, but also to experience the unique urban destinations located in the immediate neighborhood of the conference center.”

Guests who book meetings at Talaris Conference Center can also take advantage of the Complete Meeting Package (CMP), a cost-effective resource for meeting and event planners. Based on a per-day, per-guest charge, each CMP includes: meeting space, a dedicated event planning manager, audiovisual package, wireless Internet access, continental breakfast, an afternoon refresher break, buffet luncheon, complimentary parking and more.

Talaris offers 31 guestrooms equipped with all the necessities for the business traveler, including wireless high-speed Internet access and flat-panel televisions.

Blackout dates and restrictions apply for the Meet, Shop and Sleep package. For more details or to reserve this offer, call 206-268-7000 or visit talarisconferencecenter.com.

Talaris Conference Center

Talaris Conference Center, a retreat, event and meeting destination that combines a distinctively Northwest environment with metropolitan technology and amenities, is located on 18 acres in a natural, park-like setting near the University of Washington in Seattle. Talaris is just four blocks from University Village and within walking distance of neighborhood restaurants, cafes and jogging trails. With 31 guestrooms, three large conference rooms, two intimate meeting spaces, multiple breakout areas and the Pacific Dining Room, this wooded oasis is an ideal destination for intimate training workshops, meetings, retreats and other events for up to 150 people. Talaris Conference Center is managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information call 206-268-7000 or visit talarisconferencecenter.com.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

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led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality projects in the western United States, Canada, Portugal and the United Kingdom. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties, visit columbiahospitality.com.

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