



COLUMBIA HOSPITALITY UNVEILS KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER EXPANSION PLANS

Award-winning conference center will add 6,740 square feet of event space, following Bremerton City Council agreement with Kitsap Transit



Bremerton, Wash. (December 03, 2013) – Columbia Hospitality is pleased to announce that work is underway for the expansion of the Kitsap Conference Center, which will include 6,740 square feet of meeting and event space on its third floor. The project began in October, with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony slated for summer 2014.

Owned by Kitsap Transit, the previously unoccupied third-floor will generate 72 more social events and 48 corporate events a year, a total increase of approximately 14,000 guests. Following the completion, the conference center will be able to accommodate up to 1,100 guests, an increase from its previous 750.

“We are thrilled for what this expansion will mean for our conference center and the number of new people it will bring to the community,” said General Manager Arne Bakker. “The increase in capacity and space will allow the city to secure the business of larger groups that were previously turned away due to size limitations.”

Approved by the Bremerton City Council in October, the third-floor expansion will offer additional panoramic views of the marina, an outdoor balcony and air walls to separate the rooms as appropriate to accommodate varying client needs.

Newly re-elected Bremerton Mayor, Patty Lent speaks highly of all involved parties saying, “The collaboration of all partners—including the Kitsap Conference Center, Columbia Hospitality, Bremerton

City Council, Public Facilities District Board, Kitsap Transit, and Bremerton Public Works has been great to witness and sets the stage for success for this project.”

For more information on the conference center expansion and amenities, visit

www.kitsapconferencecenter.com.

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 complimentary 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, please call (360) 377-3785 or visit www.kitsapconferencecenter.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia’s growing portfolio of premier properties, including the award-winning boutique hotels of the Columbia Collection, conference centers, public and private golf courses and distinctive venues offer world-class service in memorable destinations. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners. The company’s continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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