



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 9, 2009

### **RIBBON CUT TO MARK OPENING OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN BETHESDA**

BETHESDA, MD, December 9, 2009 - Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, Chris Nassetta, President and CEO of Hilton Worldwide and James Donohoe, III, President and CEO of The Donohoe Companies, Inc. participated in a Ribbon Cutting ceremony today to mark the opening of the 216-room Hilton Garden Inn hotel in downtown Bethesda, Maryland. The Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda is Bethesda's newest hotel in 23-years (photo attached).

The hotel is part of the Air Rights Center, a 700,000 square foot office and retail complex located on Wisconsin Avenue in the heart of Bethesda, Maryland. "We are pleased to announce this hotel has created forty-seven (47) new hospitality jobs for Montgomery County and 216 additional guestrooms to serve the National Institutes of Health, National Naval Medical Center and the Bethesda community," said Chris Bruch, President of Donohoe Hospitality Service, the company that is managing the property.

The Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda ([www.bethesda.hgi.com](http://www.bethesda.hgi.com) <<http://www.bethesda.hgi.com>>) is located within one-block of the Bethesda red-line Metro station. The hotel amenities include banquet and meeting facilities, an indoor pool, fitness center, business center, restaurant and lobby bar. Each guestroom is equipped with refrigerators and microwaves. The hotel offers many green practices to include a smoke-free environment, single stream recycling, linen/terry re-use, non-chemical cleaning solutions and biodegradable products.

Donohoe Hospitality Services, a division of The Donohoe Companies, Inc., established in 1884, will manage the Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda. Donohoe Hospitality Services ([www.DonohoeHospitality.com](http://www.DonohoeHospitality.com)) manages full-service and focused-service hotels under the Marriott, Hilton and Intercontinental Hotels Group brands.

**Montgomery County, Hilton and Donohoe Join to Mark the Opening of the Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda:**



Photo Credit: Lawrence French

Pictured From Left to Right:

Deidra Davis - General Manager, HGI Bethesda

Suman Gera - TIAA-CREF, Director Development Global Real Estate

James Donohoe - Donohoe Cos., President and CEO

Isiah "Ike" Leggett - County Executive, Montgomery County, MD (holding scissors)

Chris Nassetta - Hilton Worldwide, President and CEO

Chris Bruch - Donohoe Hospitality Services, President