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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES COLUMBUS/EDINBURGH WINS IHG® 2016 TORCHBEARER AWARD

ATLANTA (January 16, 2016) – The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbus/Edinburgh, Indiana received the IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) 2016 Torchbearer Award, the company's most prestigious award.

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbus/Edinburgh is one of 337 properties within the Americas chosen from the IHG system of more than 5,000 hotels for achieving the highest levels of excellence in all aspects of operation -- from quality to customer satisfaction.

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbus/Edinburgh is owned and operated by Janeen M. Sprague and Sprague Hotel Developers. The General Manager is Debbie Speziale. This is the hotel's third consecutive Torchbearer Award. The hotel ranked eighth in the world among the more than 2400 Holiday Inn Express® hotels for the 2016 Award Year.

"It is my pleasure to award the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbus/Edinburgh, Indiana as one of the top-notch hotels in our industry," said Elie Maalouf, Chief Executive Officer – IHG, The Americas. "This hotel embodies the heart of our brand promise and continues to make IHG properties known and admired throughout the world, continuing our mission to deliver on great brands and Great Hotels Guests Love."

A 2016 Torchbearer trophy, the company's symbol of top excellence, will be on permanent display at the hotel.

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Note to Editors:

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IHG franchises, leases, manages or owns more than 5,000 hotels and nearly 742,000 guest rooms in almost 100 countries, with nearly 1,400 hotels in its development pipeline. IHG also manages [IHG® Rewards Club](#), the world's first and largest hotel loyalty programme, with nearly 94 million members worldwide.

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About Sprague Hotel Developers

Sprague Hotel Developers is an award-winning hotel management and development company that operates hotels in central and southern Indiana. Its portfolio consists of Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn and Hilton Garden Inn hotels with Home2 Suites by Hilton and Residence Inn by Marriott hotels currently under development. Sprague Hotel Developers is owned and operated by Janeen M. Sprague, and the hotels are certified Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. Sprague Hotel Developers prides itself on operating award winning properties that strive to be the best hotels in their respective brand. For more information about Sprague Hotel Developers please visit www.spraguehotels.com.

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