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Westin Hotel Guests at Detroit Metro Airport will Soon Enjoy Nearly 90 Shops & Restaurants at DTW's McNamara Terminal

~ New TSA pilot program at DTW will provide *overnight guests of the Westin Hotel at Detroit Metropolitan Airport* with access to world-class shops and restaurants, previously off limits

DECEMBER 8, 2006 DETROIT, MI: A new Transportation Security Administration (TSA) pilot program will soon allow overnight guests staying at Detroit Metro Airport's (DTW's) on-site Westin Hotel with the ability to go where no non-traveling hotel guest has gone before. TSA's AAACE (Airport Access Authorization to Commercial Establishments) Beyond the Screening Checkpoint Program will be launched at DTW as early as next Tuesday, and will provide a process for overnight hotel guests at the Westin to apply for access to the shops and restaurants in the McNamara Terminal, after submitting to thorough background checks and screening at the TSA security checkpoint.

"This is a great example of how the TSA and airports can work together to create innovative, common sense policy that keeps our travelers safe, while fostering a business climate and airport environment that is attractive to both our customers and business operators," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "Without any impact on the safety & security of the traveling public, this program allows our hotel to offer a wider range of nearby services and amenities to our Westin Hotel guests, and increases sales opportunities to our airport concessionaires. In a time when non-airline revenue sources for airports are more important than ever, this program is a win-win approach for everyone involved."

DTW is one of two airports in the country that TSA has approved for the AAACE Pilot Program; Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) is the other. Detroit Metro Airport's Westin Hotel is relatively unique among airports, because it is directly connected to the McNamara Terminal, and even has its own TSA screening checkpoint. The hotel's on-airport location is extremely convenient for business travelers, but until now, non-traveling guests were not allowed into the McNamara Terminal's concourses, where nearly all of the airports award-winning shops and restaurants are located.

The McNamara Terminal houses nearly 90 world-class stores and restaurants and was recently recognized by Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) as Best Food & Beverage Program and Best Retail / Specialty Program among large airports in 2006. The terminal also received ACI-NA's Best Retail Program Award in 2004, and was recognized by Airport Revenue News as the Best Overall Single Terminal Concessions Program in 2004.

The 404-room luxury-class Westin hotel includes 10 suites and rooms that feature the Heavenly Bed® and Heavenly Bath®, high speed Internet access and several upscale amenities. Guests can rejuvenate with a workout at the WestinWORKOUT® Powered by Reebok Gym, take a swim in an indoor pool, or enjoy spa services and massage treatments in the privacy of their guestroom. With 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting space including a 7,600-square foot grand ballroom, 28 meeting and boardrooms, and a well-equipped business center, the smoke-free hotel is a popular destination for business and social events.

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