



Editor's Note: Photo of Mr. Dorsey is attached

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The Chattanooga Hotel Appoints Director of Facilities

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (September 3, 2008) – The Chattanooga, the upscale urban resort with state-of-the-art meeting facilities in downtown Chattanooga, Tenn., appointed Lance Dorsey as director of facilities for the hotel. Mr. Dorsey is responsible for the overall operations and security of The Chattanooga.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Lance to The Chattanooga," said Tom Cupo, general manager of the hotel. "He brings many years of experience to his position and we're happy to have him on our team."

Dorsey was previously director of facilities for Virginia Crossings Resort, located in Richmond. He comes to his newest assignment with nearly 25 years of experience in engineering and vast expertise with HVAC, electrical, mechanical and pneumatic controls. He has worked as chief engineer for a number of hotel properties previously, supervising large teams of specialists.

Mr. Dorsey has also served as maintenance supervisor and facilities site supervisor at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Earlier in his career, he was responsible for the daily operation of utility systems in a critical operations center for the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Lance Dorsey and his wife are relocating to Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga, a 210,000 square-foot five-story upscale urban resort with 199 guest rooms and suites, features a 25,000 square-foot conference center with comprehensive meeting planning and audiovisual support services, three outstanding dining establishments, and a spa with four treatment rooms, a steam room, sauna, fitness center, indoor pool, whirlpool and patio overlooking the hotel's courtyard. The Chattanooga is

conveniently located within a two-hour drive from Atlanta; Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee; Huntsville and Birmingham, Alabama.

For more information or reservations, call (423) 756-3400, toll free (877) 756-1684, or visit The Chattanooga's Website at www.chattanooga.com. Benchmark Hospitality International operates The Chattanooga.

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