

FIRST EXTENDED STAY PROPERTY OPENS AT MIDWAY HOTEL CENTER

MERRILLVILLE, IN (October 27, 2008) – The first upscale extended stay hotel in the Midway Airport area, the 132-room **Residence Inn** hotel officially welcomed its first guests today. Located inside the **Midway Hotel Center**, just two blocks from Chicago’s Midway Airport, the property was developed and is owned by Chicago’s Weglarz Company and is managed by **White Lodging** of Northwest Indiana.

With the addition of the **Residence Inn**, the **Midway Hotel Center** now offers guests over 1,300 rooms and more than 14,000 square feet of flexible event space, further reinforcing Weglarz Company’s and **White Lodging**’s goal of bringing premium lodging and dining destinations to both Chicagoans and travelers within the Midway Airport area.

“The addition of the **Residence Inn** creates a new, vibrant synergy in the immediate area, meets business travelers’ needs and offers guests easy access to all Chicago has to offer,” says **Residence Inn** General Manager Darrell Edens. “It’s an exciting time to open this property and we look forward to being the long-term stay solution for the Midway region.”

The five-story **Residence Inn** offers travelers unexpected pleasures, including the free Home Touch hot breakfast buffet and complimentary manager’s reception. The hotel also features accommodations not widely available among existing hotels such as separate living, working, eating and sleeping areas in their beautifully-appointed studio, one and two bedroom suites. Amenities include complimentary high-speed Internet access, a full kitchen, a living area for entertaining, and sleeping areas with luxurious bedding. Exercise regimes can be maintained through use of the hotel’s outdoor half basketball court, indoor fitness center and indoor pool.

Additionally, the hotel offers a meeting room with over 600 square feet of flexible space, an outdoor fire pit and grill for guest use, and a complimentary airport shuttle to and from Chicago’s Midway Airport. The property is also pet friendly.

General Manager **Darrell Edens** joins the **Residence Inn** team with a wealth of experience with the Marriott brand, having served as Dual Property General Manager for the Bloomingdale Residence Inn and Courtyard by Marriott properties and, most recently, as General Manager for the Residence Inn in South Bend, Ind. Overseeing sales efforts at the property is Director of Sales **Tammy Knor**, a 15-year veteran in the hospitality industry in various capacities.

With the addition of the **Residence Inn**, the **Midway Hotel Center** now offers travelers a selection of nine premium branded hotels in one campus-like setting including the Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Sleep Inn, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, and the newly opened Holiday Inn. Restaurants include Dempsey’s Irish-American Grill, TGI Friday’s and the new Coaches Sports Bar and Grill.

To make a reservation please call the **Residence Inn** at (708) 458-7790. For more information about the Midway Hotel Center, please call 1-888-MID-INNS or visit the website at www.midwayhotelcenter.com.