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Stimulus Grant Awarded to Salem Business

\$1.4 million grant will be used to deliver energy savings, create jobs

Salem — State Representative John D. Keenan (D- Salem) announced today that the Hawthorne Hotel has been awarded a \$1.4 million high performance buildings grant through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Department of Energy Resources (DOER)/ARRA grant program. The selected projects won approval based on their ability to create jobs, leverage cost sharing, and achieve dramatic improvements in the energy efficiency of buildings across the Commonwealth.

Upon learning of the award, Michael Harrington of the Three Corners Realty Trust, owners and operator of the Hawthorne Hotel offered, “We are delighted to be selected as a recipient and hope to set an example and serve as a role model as to how older properties with some significance can contribute and benefit to the energy needs for future generations.”

Three Corners Realty Trust, owners and operator of Salem’s historic Hawthorne Hotel, teamed up with Nexamps, Inc. of North Andover to complete a Deep Energy Retrofit. Consistent with the objectives outlined in the DOER’s RFR, the portfolio of energy savings measures implemented at the hotel will reduce the hotel’s baseline energy consumption by 50-percent per year. A majority of this reduction will be realized through the implementation of closed-loop geothermal heating and cooling technology -

a transformative yet well-proven space conditioning technology. The portfolio of energy saving measures also includes a combination of replicable energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

Representative Keenan praised the project saying, “This grant award offers an exciting opportunity for a landmark downtown building to achieve dramatic improvements in energy savings, economic, and environmental benefits. I am particularly excited that the dramatic energy saving plans proposed by the Hawthorne Hotel offer replicable models for other historic hotels and complexes that may be seeking ways to reduce their energy costs in this down economy. I would like to extend my thanks to Governor Patrick and Secretary Bowles for recognizing this worthwhile project.”

Senate Majority Leader Fred Berry said, “For decades, the Hawthorne Hotel has served as a historical landmark and leader in the local cultural economy. With this grant, the hotel will also serve as a model on the North Shore for energy efficiency.”

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll added, “I am thrilled to hear that the Hawthorne Hotel has been selected to receive this grant,” Mayor Kim Driscoll stated. “It will showcase the Hawthorne Hotel and make it a model for energy efficiency and savings in historic building throughout the Commonwealth. I commend the Administration as well as Salem’s legislative delegation for their diligence in selecting and securing this grant funding.”

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