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**INN MARIN
IS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF STATE CERTIFICATION AT THE LEADERSHIP
LEVEL FOR CALIFORNIA'S NEW GREEN HOTEL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

(Novato, CA --- January 23, 2009) --- Inn Marin was recently awarded State Certification at the Leadership Level for California's Green Hotel Certification program (please see page three for more details on this program). This is the highest honor bestowed upon hotels after a rigorous inspection and Inn Marin is the first property in California to receive this certification under the newly introduced and enhanced Green Lodging program, which is administered by the State of California General Services Administration. This certification comes only months after Inn Marin completed its recent green renovation.

According to proprietor Robert Marshall, "Being a Green company is not just about recycling, it is looking forward to what you can improve upon in your daily operation and always looking for what you can do to be a greener operation and decrease your impact on the environment. In addition to saving resources such as energy, water, paper and every other consumable goods, we must reduce the volume of items going to the landfills and use environmentally-friendly products for cleaning and construction. At Inn Marin, we didn't just become green overnight, it's a conscientious way of thinking and doing business for both the short- and long-term." Marshall continues, "We are constantly challenging our suppliers to come up with greener products. For instance, we were able to swap out our individual shampoo and conditioner containers to in-room dispensers of EO Organics, reducing the number of plastic bottles going into landfill."

Inn Marin Green Renovation

Completed just last year, the Marshall family-owned Inn Marin made a \$2 million investment on the renovation of Inn Marin. One of the most unique aspects of the refurbishment is that it is an "Organic Renovation," in which Inn Marin made use of predominantly local, Bay Area vendors.

Designed by Corte Madera-based Alexandra Ray of Five Senses Interiors, the compelling components of Inn Marin's renovation and green policy are as follows:

- **Sustainable Bamboo** - Floors and such linens as the coverlets, pillow shams and dust ruffles in all guestrooms (Editor's note: bamboo is an efficient carbon dioxide sequestering sink, converts eight times more carbon dioxide to oxygen than trees and returns large quantities nitrogen to the soil. Its rapid growth insures soil stabilization.)
- **Low Voc Paint** - Used in all guestrooms.
- **Cleaning supplies** – All rooms are cleaned with environmentally-friendly cleaning products.
- **Laundry**- All guest room linens are cleaned with an Enzymatic cleaning solution which allows Inn Marin to eliminate bleach, hot water and two rinse cycles, saving energy and water as well as being an environmentally friendly product.
- **Recycled Paper** - Toilet paper and paper towels with 100% recycled content.
- **Organic Coffee** – All coffee served in restaurant, banquets and lobby is organic, shade grown and/or Fair Trade.
- **Towels and Linen Reuse** – Gives guests the opportunity to do their part to reduce energy, water and detergent required for daily washings.
- **Water Conservation** – Low flow faucets, toilets and showers.
- **Recycling** – Back of the house recycling of glass, bottles, paper, cardboard etc.
- **Recycling Containers** – available in guest rooms, meeting rooms and throughout public spaces.
- **Energy Conservation** – Energy efficient CFC fluorescent light bulbs used in guestrooms, with outdoor lighting either solar or on sensors.
- **Collateral** – printed on recycled paper.
- **Water for meetings** - Served in ceramic multi-gallon container rather than individual plastic bottles.

Inn Marin Background

Known for its charming Mission-style accommodations, Inn Marin is suited for both business and leisure travelers. The property is nestled on five acres in a beautiful urban resort setting that is ideally located amidst all of the Bay Area's many attractions, just minutes from major sightseeing attractions, shopping, restaurants and recreational activities, as well as the corporate office centers of Novato and San Rafael.

Of the property's 68 newly refurbished and spacious guest rooms, Inn Marin features two king suites and two Jacuzzi suites, stylishly decorated with upgraded bath amenities. In addition to the aforementioned renovation components, all rooms have WIFI; voice mail; two-line speakerphone; iron and ironing board; 250-thread count fitted sheets; hair dryer; coffee maker; Braille room numbers rooms; cable TV with 75 channels, including HBO and the Speed Channel; large work desk with ergonomic chair. Non-smoking and handicapped rooms/facilities available. Pet fees apply, while service animals are complimentary.

There are four wheelchair accessible rooms and seven hearing impaired accessible rooms with special features including room numbers in Braille, 38-inch wide entry doors for easier access for wheelchairs and a flashing light inside informing hearing-impaired guests of the arrival of visitors. TTY/TTD telephone available. Bathroom sinks are free of barriers for those in

wheelchairs. The outside pool and hot tub are equipped with lifts to help the disabled into the water.

Rickey's Restaurant serves breakfast, for hotel guests only, and dinner every night and Sunday brunch on special occasions and holidays. Prepared by Chef Noe Martinez, the cuisine is American Comfort Food, featuring the freshest regional products. Additionally, live jazz is featured on Friday night.

Inn Marin's meetings and event space encompasses approximately 6,000 square feet, with facilities for groups up to 400. The remodeled spaces include the Garden Room, Garden Patio with beautiful fountain, Boardroom for up to 12 people and a five-acre garden setting with large lawn, which is perfect for weddings and company events.

And to finish things off, there's nothing like the sense of arrival so Inn Marin also features a newly constructed front entrance and lobby.

With all these new assets, guests will also be pleasantly surprised by the quaint ambiance that exists in this bustling Bay Area destination. Inn Marin provides guests with friendly service as well as great value, while the staff's attention to detail is of the utmost concern.

Conveniently located off Highway 101 and Highway 37 at Ignacio Boulevard/Enfrente Drive Exit, Inn Marin is in the heart of the Bay Area, close to such amusements as Infineon Raceway, Sonoma and Napa wine countries, Stinson Beach, Muir Woods, Six Flags Marine World Theme Park and San Francisco, to name a few.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) California Green Lodging Program

The California Green Lodging Program was developed by the CIWMB to provide travelers a green option for their lodging needs. The program is currently being operated by the Department of General Services as a part of the State Travel program. The program's goals include diverting waste from landfills, conserving energy/water and improving indoor environmental quality. The California Green Lodging program provides a database of certified green hotels throughout the state.

Why "Green" Hotels?

Travelers with a conscious can feel assured that by staying at a "green" certified hotel they are helping to reduce of one's "carbon footprint," diverting waste from landfills and saving limited resources.

Resources for the California Green Lodging Program

For those wishing to find a green hotel or to participate in the program, information is available on the Department of General Service's (DGS) Green Lodging Website at <http://www.travel.dgs.ca.gov/Lodging/GreenLodging.htm>.