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PRESS RELEASE

Sheraton Erie Takes Home Six Awards at the 2013 White Lodging Conference Awards

Both the hotel and food and beverage teams were recognized for their outstanding performance in 2012

Merrillville, IN. (April 24, 2013): White Lodging is pleased to announce that the Sheraton Erie hotel received six prestigious awards at their annual 2013 General Managers Conference Awards Night on April 3 held in Richmond, VA.

White Lodging recognized the hotel for the awards including Platinum Hotel, Triple Platinum Hotel, Full Service Rev Par, Region of the Year, Food and Beverage Team of the Year and White Lodging General Manager of the Year.

"We are honored to have been selected as Food and Beverage Team of the Year as the success of the Food and Beverage Operations has truly been the result of the Total Team," said Executive Chef Michael Carrie. "Every member has contributed to the sustained success the hotel and restaurant has achieved."

"I am very proud of the entire Food and Beverage Team not only for achieving this level of recognition, but for also achieving the No. 1 ranking in all of North American Sheraton Hotels two years in a row," said Chuck Collins, General Manager of the hotel. "Reaching this level is an achievement of its own, but realizing it two years in a row is an accomplishment few if ever will achieve."

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Collins was selected and announced as the General Manager of the year for the first time out of White Lodging's 161 properties.

"I am delighted to have been selected for this honor," said Collins. "However, it was thru the efforts of every member of the Sheraton team that we were able to achieve our 2012 results."

The Sheraton Erie is located near State Street in the heart of Erie's Bayfront Marina District, and was the area's very first waterfront hotel. The hotel features 200 guest rooms, seven meeting rooms and a skywalk to the Erie Convention Center. The Bayfront Grille is also attached to the hotel, offering regionally fresh dishes and waterside views.

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