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John Q. Hammons Developing \$20-million Courtyard by Marriott-*Pellham Phillips selected as architect-*

(Springfield, MO) Larry Phillips, President of Pellham Phillips Architects and Engineers, today revealed that Pellham Phillips Architects & Engineers has been selected as the architect for a new Courtyard by Marriott hotel in LaVista, Nebraska. The project by John Q. Hammons will be a \$20-million, 246 room hotel. The new hotel is owned by Mr. Hammons and the city of La Vista, and will be managed by Springfield, Mo.-based John Q. Hammons Hotels, Inc.

Phillips reported that when completed, this 246 room Courtyard by Marriott will complete a 500 room Hotel and Conference Center Complex near Omaha, NE. The six story, post tension concrete structure will feature a three story atrium, restaurant, bar, board room, business library, two meeting rooms, pool, spa, and sun deck. With a brick base, EIFS facade, and standing seam metal roof, the 160,000 square foot Courtyard will be attached via enclosed walkway to the LaVista Conference Center. The Courtyard is slated to open in spring of 2009.

Specializing in hospitality design, Phillips said the firm has designed over 200 hotel properties over the past three decades. Previous hotel design work includes Embassy Suites in Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Iowa, and California. In addition, they have completed work for hotel flags that include Holiday Inn, Renaissance Suites, Residence Inn, Hampton Inn, and Courtyard by Marriott.

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