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**go2 IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE DELTA VANCOUVER AIRPORT AS
WINNER OF THE “EMPLOYEES FIRST” AWARD**

VANCOUVER, BC - go2, the BC tourism industry's human resources organization, is pleased to present the first annual “Employees First” award to the Delta Vancouver Airport. Sponsored by go2, the award was presented with the sixth annual Tourism Industry Awards at the BC Tourism Industry Conference in Vancouver.

The “Employees First” award was designed to recognize a British Columbia Tourism industry employer who has upheld high standards of excellence in human resource practices and people management.

"Putting our employees first at Delta Hotels makes good business sense and keeps us competitive," says Gordon Johnson, regional vice president of Delta Hotels and general manager of Delta Vancouver Airport. "How we deal with our employees will be seen in the way they relate to our guests, and guest satisfaction and loyalty is our ultimate business goal."

All nominees for the “Employees First” award underwent an intensive assessment that included preparing an information package, and personal interviews with management representatives and employees. For selection, an independent panel of judges was provided with a summary of short-listed nominations, based on the information that was collected. In order to maintain the highest level of objectivity and integrity during the judging process, each nominee remained completely anonymous.

“We were delighted to present the Delta Vancouver Airport with the Employees First award,” said Arlene Keis, CEO go2. “One of the core philosophies they practice is very effective - take care of the employee, and the employee will take care of the guest. From a Human Resources perspective, an organization must align its people management initiatives with its business goals in order for it to be truly successful and this property has done an extraordinary job of this. They understand that good people management practices help to retain employees, utilize employees’ skills and potential and serve to motivate and involve employees in meeting their business objectives.”

About go2

Established by the BC tourism industry in April 2003, go2 is the resource for people in tourism. go2's mission is to assist the tourism industry address challenges in attracting employees and retaining its workforce in order to support industry growth. BC tourism currently ranks as one of the province's largest economic sectors in terms of employment and revenue; directly employing 117,500 people and projected to be worth \$9.4 billion in visitor revenue in 2004.

For more information on go2 and human resource development initiatives for BC's tourism industry, visit www.go2hr.ca.

About Delta Hotels

With a diversified portfolio of more than 35 city centre and airport hotels and resorts, Delta Hotels is the leading first-class hotel management company in Canada. Widely regarded as Canada's brand of choice by guests and owners, Delta Hotels has also distinguished itself as an exemplary employer to its more than 7,100 employees. Delta Hotels is the only hotel company to be recognized by the prestigious National Quality Institute with two Canada Awards for Excellence, for quality (2000) and a healthy workplace (2004), and it has also been voted one of "The 50 Best Employers in Canada" by The Globe and Mail's respected magazine, Report on Business (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005). Delta Hotels is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc.

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