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**Vista Host Announces Topped Off Building for New Hampton Inn & Suites
Albany, New York
*165 Room Hotel to Open Fall 2005***

HOUSTON, TX — March 4, 2005 — Vista Host, a Houston-based management company for upscale limited feature hotel properties, proudly announces that the building has been topped off this week for the new Hampton Inn & Suites in Albany New York. The hotel is the first new lodging construction project in downtown Albany in over 20 years.

The roof was set on top of the ten-story structure that contributes to the economy and character of downtown Albany. “We are proud to be working with our partner, Omni Development, and the City of Albany on this project. The hotel has been in the works for several years and is now coming closer to fruition with the topping off of the construction site ” commented Joe Viglietta, Regional Operations Director, Vista Host.

Construction of the Hampton Inn & Suites is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2005. When completed, the hotel will have 118 deluxe guestrooms and 47 fully furnished suites. The exterior of the hotel will incorporate architectural features that portray the aesthetic character of Albany.

Mr. Viglietta also stated, “Sincere thanks go to Paul Horn, the Vice President of Construction for Vista Host, and to the talented team at Omni Development, as their commendable efforts now allow us to begin the interior work of this flagship Hampton Inn & Suites. We have hired an accomplished Director of Sales, Marte Dobosh, to help get the word out that this hotel is going to open as planned and on time!” Once opened the Hilton branded Hampton Inn & Suites Albany will offer two meeting rooms and two board rooms, a fitness center with both a sauna and steam room, and a restaurant. Additionally, the hotel will feature 21st century telecommunications technology with fiber-optic wiring and high-speed internet access that will be complimentary.

The website address is <http://www.hamptonsuitesalbany.com> and has featured press releases, artist renderings, and information about the development and management companies.

Founded in 1977 by Michael Harrell, Vista Host is a nationally recognized management company committed to achieving superior results in operating hotels from their ability to blend the science of hotel management with the art of hospitality.

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