



THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL, AN AFFINIA HOTEL RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WORK IN THE DC REGION

Washington, DC (June 9, 2010) – The Liaison Capitol Hill, an Affinia Hotel, one of Washington, DC’s premier lifestyle hotels, and its chef-driven restaurant Art and Soul from celebrity chef Art Smith, are proud to announce they have received the *Washington Business Journal*’s “Best Places to Work” award for 2010. The Liaison Capitol Hill is Denihan Hospitality Group’s first boutique hotel in Washington, DC offering guests comfort by design and a host of unique, customized amenities, while Art and Soul serves modern, regional cuisine with southern accents in the heart of Capitol Hill. The hotel and restaurant was honored at an awards banquet hosted by the *Washington Business Journal* on Friday, June 11.

Embracing the core values of parent company Denihan Hospitality Group, The Liaison Capitol Hill has made it a point to recognize the interests and needs of their associates, as well as their achievements and professional development goals. Since the hotel launched a year and a half ago, the company has created several programs to energize and engage its associates while also recognizing their commitment and dedication to providing guests a welcoming and comfortable experience. Most recently, the hotel and restaurant sponsored 30 associates for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Many associates expressed a passion for animals and were encouraged to bring their four-legged friends to work for “Take Your Dog To Work Day.” Other employee-driven programs include Associate of the Month, Leader of the Quarter, Associate of the Year, Leader of the Year, and “National Wear Your Pajamas To Work Day.” Investing in the professional growth and development of associates is a key component of the hotel’s success. Associates can participate in the Denihan Hospitality Group’s Talent Development Academy (TDA) which actively encourages associates to continue learning about the hospitality industry and positions them for their future success. Associates from all levels within the organization from line associates to mid-level managers are invited to participate, with a select group of candidates being chosen based on their demonstrated passion for growth and representation of Denihan’s core values.

Creating a balanced environment and supportive culture is essential at The Liaison Capitol Hill and associates enjoy numerous opportunities to let off a little steam and enjoy the company of their fellow associates in a more relaxed setting. From casual happy hours to the annual Rooftop Pool Party to the newly created Associate Ping Pong tournament, designed to spark light-hearted and healthy competition amongst associates, the hotel is constantly creating opportunities to reward associates. Every day The Liaison Capitol Hill is committed to making sure its employees are motivated, inspired, and passionate about walking through the lobby doors, making it one of the “Best Places to Work” in the region.

“Since day one, we’ve made The Liaison Capitol Hill and Art and Soul a genuine and caring place to work by creating opportunities to engage our associates and demonstrate how much their dedication is appreciated,” said General Manager Dani Elhachem. “The ‘Best Places to Work’ award is largely determined by the direct feedback and voting by our associates so I couldn’t be more thrilled to be recognized as an employer of choice by the *Washington Business Journal*.”

Over 800 companies in the Washington, DC area submitted applications for “The Best Places to Work” award, only 50 won the achievement, and only three hotels were included. The Liaison Capitol Hill, an Affinia Hotel is located at 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. For more information on the hotel, please visit www.affinia.com/liaison or call 202-638-1616. To make reservations, call 1-866-AFFINIA or visit www.affinia.com.

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