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Dolce International, Now Managing the William F. Bolger Conference Center in Potomac, To Exceed Financial Performance Expectations by \$1 Million

Potomac, MD – Dolce International, now managing the William F. Bolger Center – Montgomery County’s largest conference facility – is projected to exceed its financial performance expectations by \$1 million in its first eight months of operations. Located on 83 landscaped acres in Potomac, MD, the full-service conference center and hotel is situated in a serene, park-like setting just 20 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C.

This past February, Dolce International took the reins of the Bolger Center, which offers 75 meeting rooms, 70,000 square feet of high-tech meeting space, high-speed wireless Internet access from all indoor and outdoor public spaces, and 477 spacious guest rooms and suites. It is also one of the largest conference and training facilities in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

In 1980, the Bolger Center was purchased by the United States Postal Service (USPS), and after renovations, it became the service’s primary training and meeting facility. Since February, Dolce has worked to increase the number of non-postal and nongovernmental customers to hold conferences, meetings, weddings and other social functions at the center.

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“We are very proud of the success of the Bolger Center so early in our tenure here,” said Paul Dolce, general manager. “Now, we plan to introduce Bolger to Montgomery County residents and businesses so they’ll know how to access this hidden gem in Potomac.”

The meeting facility can accommodate from six to 500 people. Its hotel rooms and suites offer satellite television and high-speed Internet access. Located on the conference center campus are a restaurant, ballroom, bar and grille, chapel, and recreational facilities including an indoor pool and a biking/hiking trail that winds its way through the award-winning grounds.

The Bolger Center, located off Democracy Boulevard, has a unique and interesting history. It began as a Catholic convent, when in 1931 the Sisters of Mercy purchased the property where the Bolger Center sits today. Later a school for learning-disabled children, the Bolger Center was purchased in 1980 by the Postal Service, which wanted to centralize its training programs. After major renovations and new construction, the center was named for the 65th Postmaster General, William F. Bolger. This year, through a partnership between USPS and the Smithsonian Institution, the Bolger Center was selected to showcase and celebrate the history of the postal service with exhibits of historical significance.

Dolce International specializes in meetings and is committed to providing the world's best meeting experience to its customers. Founded by Andrew Dolce, chairman and CEO, in 1981, Dolce International is recognized as the leader in the conference center industry with 26 meeting destinations in the US, Canada, and Europe.

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