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**NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT METAIRIE AT LAKEWAY HONORED
WITH PRESTIGIOUS AAA FOUR DIAMOND AWARD**

NEW ORLEANS, LA (February 22, 2011) – New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway has been awarded the coveted AAA Four Diamond Award by AAA Publishing. This is the first time the hotel has been honored with the distinction.

AAA's full-time, professional inspectors evaluate and rate more than 58,000 lodgings and restaurants each year, more than any other rating entity. AAA/CAA inspectors average over 1,100 property evaluations per year and have a combined total of 700 years experience. The New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway was noted for its extemporatory customer service of the hotel and the staff.

"We are truly honored to receive this prestigious award," says Patrick Barrett, general manager at New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway. "Our mission is to provide every guest with exceptional service and the Southern hospitality that the New Orleans area is known for."

New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway opened in 2007 after a \$30 million renovation. The facility features more than 6,500 square feet of meeting space, state of the art boardrooms, full technology packages in all guest rooms, split screen capabilities, American Contemporary dining at Bistro 38, Perks Coffee House and Bar 38. The hotel is conveniently located on the shores of Lake Ponchartrain, adjacent to popular shopping destination, Lakeside Mall, and dozens of restaurants. Guests at the Marriott have the option to utilize Lakeway Athletic Club, which features an outdoor track, indoor swimming pool, tennis courts and state of the art athletic equipment.

The Four Diamond Award is given to fewer than four percent of over 31,000 properties approved by AAA. Honored establishments are upscale in all areas and feature progressively stylish and refined accommodations. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

New Orleans Marriott Metairie is a member of the Pyramid Hotel Group. To find our more information about the hotel, or to make reservations, please visit www.marriott.com or call 800-228-9290.

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