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MEDIA ALERT

ATTENTION:

- WHAT:** Ground breaking for Hampton Inn & Suites to be located in downtown Albany. Brief remarks will be made by: Mayor Gerry Jennings.....
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, July 21, 11 a.m.**
- WHERE:** Hotel construction site at Chapel Street and Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York.
- FACTS:**
- √ The hotel will have 118 traditional guest rooms and 47 guest suites.
 - √ The hotel will feature on-site parking, conference and meeting rooms, a restaurant, a fitness center.
 - √ Each room will have fiber-optic wiring and high-speed internet access and galley style kitchens with microwave oven, refrigerator, cook top and dishwasher.
 - √ The project will create 200 construction jobs and 75 permanent hospitality jobs.
 - √ The project is expected to generate \$2.5 million in direct and indirect financial benefits to the local economy.
 - √ Omni Development Company, Inc. will oversee all design and construction. Architects are Bounds & Gillespie of Memphis, Tenn.
 - √ Omni Management Group, Ltd. will oversee management of the hotel during construction. Vista Host will be the management company of the hotel under the direction of Chairman and CEO, Michael Harrell.
 - √ Financial assistance comes from the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency and State of New York Empire Zone credits.