

## John Q. Hammons Unveils Hotel and Conference Center Plans for Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Company's Second Tennessee Development Will Border New Lifestyle Center

Mr. John Q. Hammons and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce will held a press conference at Middle Tennessee State University to unveil architectural site drawings of the planned 10-story, 283-suite Embassy Suites Hotel(R) and adjoining 80,000-square-foot conference center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.



The first development of its kind for the city of Murfreesboro, the hotel will be owned by Mr. Hammons, and the hotel and conference center will be managed by Springfield, Mo.-based John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts, LLC, the nation's leading independent builder, developer, owner and manager of upscale, full-service hotels, resorts and suites.

The all-suite, luxury hotel and conference center are scheduled to open in spring 2008, with construction slated to begin November 1, 2006. The new property will be strategically located near SR-840 in the northeast quadrant of I-24 and Medical Center Parkway and will be adjacent to a planned lifestyle center, 'The Avenue Murfreesboro.' A joint venture between Faison & Associates and Cousins Properties, the lifestyle center will feature one million square feet of restaurant, home furnishings and fashion shopping in an open-air setting and is scheduled to open in August 2007.

Mr. Hammons is slated to speak to more than 100 officials at the press conference, including state senators and representatives, city mayors within Rutherford County, the Destination Rutherford board of directors, Murfreesboro City Council, Murfreesboro Planning Commission and other gateway developers.

'As the fastest growing county in Tennessee, Rutherford is the ideal site for an upscale hotel and state-of-the-art conference center that can accommodate both small and large groups,' said Mr. John Q. Hammons, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts, LLC. 'We have built a strong relationship with Rutherford County and the city of Murfreesboro, and we are certain that the development will continue the high level of quality that was visualized for the area from the start.'

In addition to Mr. Hammons, the following representatives will address the audience during the press conference: Dr. Sydney McPhee, president of Middle Tennessee State University; Tommy Bragg, mayor of the city of Murfreesboro; and Bill Jones, chairman of Destination Rutherford and past chair of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

'Murfreesboro is proud to have John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts make such an investment in Rutherford County,' said Tommy Bragg, mayor of the city of Murfreesboro. 'This hotel and convention center fill a tremendous need, not only for our business community, but also for our civic, educational and social organizations. We are certain that the development will exemplify the high caliber of properties Mr. Hammons is known for building, and we eagerly await the completion and opening of the Murfreesboro Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center.'

The Murfreesboro property marks the second full-service hotel and the first conference center Mr. Hammons has built in Tennessee.

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