

PR- 3 Disney Hotels receive Florida Green Lodging Certificate

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Oct. 15, 2006 - Florida's 35 million hotel guests can now opt to take a break at a Florida Certified Green Lodge – a State designation that recognizes hotels and motels as being environmentally-friendly. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today honored Disney's Port Orleans Resort, Disney's Pop Century Resort and Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort as Florida Certified Green Lodges.

"Green Lodges are leaders in their industry," said DEP Secretary Colleen Castille. "Their environmental commitment serves as an example and a challenge to other hotels to adopt innovative green practices, conserve resources and save money."

Launched in March 2004, the Florida Green Lodging Certification Program establishes environmental guidelines for hotels and motels to conserve natural resources and prevent pollution. Hotel and motels reduce costs and earn designation by investing in simple and innovative 'green' practices that conserve water, save energy and reduce waste.

Environmentally-friendly features at these three properties include low flow showerheads and toilets in guest rooms and other water conservation measures; energy efficient lighting and appliances; improved indoor air quality through proper air conditioner maintenance; composting of food waste; and recycling and reuse opportunities. The hotels also provide employee training to encourage recycling and resource conservation.

Disney now has five hotels participating in the Florida Green Lodging Program. The Disney Coronado Springs Resort and Boardwalk Resort were certified in March 2004.

"Disney's Environmentality™ program is our way of remaining committed to Walt's legacy of care and concern for the environment. Becoming a part of the Florida Green Lodging Certification Program helps us stay true to that legacy. The program allows us to showcase our efforts while partnering with the Department of Environmental Protection and others to share knowledge and experiences. We are proud to be partners in this effort and honored to receive Florida Green Lodging Certification," said Lee Cockerell, Executive Vice President of Operations for Walt Disney World Resort.

As reward for designation, Florida is recommending Green Lodges to companies and trade organizations seeking environmentally-conscious lodging and convention facilities. With the addition of these three newly certified hotels, the program has nine hotels certified, with 10 in the process of becoming certified. For more information about the Florida Green Lodging Certification program, visit www.floridagreenlodging.org or to locate a Florida Green Lodge visit www.floridagreenlodging.com.

PHOTO: Jiminy Cricket is on hand as three more Disney resorts are honored as Florida Certified Green Lodges.