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Partnership forged on proposed Utah hospitality project

San Antonio, Texas – The Air Force has approved the selection of a Utah-based commercial real estate developer, DDRM, to join Wadman Corporation in building a commercial hospitality facility in Wasatch County, Utah.

Mr. Robert M. Moore, Director of the Air Force Real Property Agency, approved the selection 12 Jul 10, after Talisker Development Inc., withdrew a proposal in early May to develop a recreation facility near Park City. With Talisker dropping out of the project, DDRM had the highest ranked proposal for the project.

The recreation facility will provide discounted room rates for DoD members. It provides DoD members the opportunity to enjoy the snow ski area and replaces the Hill Haus recreation lodge which was demolished to support facilities for the 2002 Winter Olympics. AFRPA has worked with representatives from local communities, the Utah Military Installation Development Authority, and the Air Force Services Agency to identify a location for the project that meets Air Force needs and provides benefit to nearby communities. The proposed development site is approximately 40 miles southeast of Northern Utah-based Hill AFB.

"Selecting a parcel to replace the Hill Haus and a developer with the ability to successfully create the project was a lengthy process that required close collaboration with local communities," said Mr. Dennis Guadarrama, chief of AFRPA's Strategic Asset Utilization division.

"This project is an example of how public-private partnerships should work," he said. "We met with community leaders and determined we shared a common vision for this project. Now we have a developer we believe can help us make that vision a reality."