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Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa Certified as Official Green Meetings Approved Site by ConventionSouth

DESTIN, Fla. (March 28, 2013) – Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa has received the 2013-14 Green Meetings Approved by ConventionSouth certification from ConventionSouth magazine, a leading national resource for meeting planners holding events in the South. The annual certification program evaluates and recognizes properties for their green meeting initiatives and the ability to help meeting planners meet their own green meeting objectives.

“We’ve worked long and hard on our sustainable practices and green initiatives, and are excited to have our efforts recognized with this certification,” said Gary Brielmayer, general manager of Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. “From water reduction and energy conservation, to sourcing local products and protecting the surrounding natural environment, meeting planners can be certain we’re maintaining a variety of green initiatives – indoors and out.”

A certified Green Lodging resort since 2009 by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Hilton Sandestin Beach continues to invest in recycling, water conservation, energy reduction and other green standards through annual capital improvements. A recent \$9 million investment included the addition of “turtle safe” LED lighting to the resort’s 20,000 square feet of beachfront deck space; planting of 30,000 new sea oats to protect the shoreline dunes; and electrical upgrades to LEED lighting and A/C enhancements throughout the resort. The Hilton Sandestin Beach has also been recognized for its conservation efforts by Gulf Power, which issued a \$50,000 rebate check – the largest to date from Gulf Power as part of their commercial customized incentive program for customers who undertake environmentally friendly improvements.

Visit ConventionSouth.com/planning_tools_/greenmeetings.htm for a complete list of certified Green Meetings Sites.

For more information about Hilton Sandestin Beach, visit SandestinBeachHilton.com. To book a meeting or event, call group sales directly at 850-267-9600.

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About Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa is located on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida’s Gulf Coast in Destin, Fla. Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida’s largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 598 spacious accommodations, more than 32,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class spa and fitness center, six on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant – abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area’s best attractions. For more information on Destin’s premier hotel, visit HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.