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**Steadham Accepted Into Prestigious International Facilities Management Association**

Atmore, AL (April 4, 2011) - Johnny Ray Steadham, who has played an important role in Wind Creek Casino and Hotel's winning the prestigious AAA Four Diamond rating, has added a professional jewel to his own crown.

Steadham, the Facilities Manager for Wind Creek, has been accepted into the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), the most prestigious professional organization of its kind in the world.

Steadham worked for two years to earn the distinction and studied intensively for the past nine months in preparation for the credentialing process. All work was done on his personal time, and he is the first Poarch Tribal Member to receive this designation.

"This certification is something that I know Johnny Ray has worked on for years," noted PCI Gaming President Jay Dorris. "This represents a tremendous accomplishment and greatly enhances the contributions he can make to our company. Our congratulations go to Johnny Ray for achieving this professional certification."

There are approximately 408,000 facilities professionals in the U.S., but only a select few are part of IFMA. While it is the most widely-recognized association for professional facility managers in the world, there are only 19,000 members in 78 countries. Collectively, those IFMA members manage more than 37 billion square feet of property, and annually purchase more than \$100 billion in products and services.

Even among the organization's impressive members, Steadham's achievement stands out. The credential he has earned – the Facilities Management Professional (FMP) designation -- is held by only 2,150 such professionals working in 31 countries worldwide. Of those, only 1,540 are in the U.S. which places Steadham in the top 0.3% of professionals in his field.

Catherine Timmons noted, "This important award just underscores what all of us here at Wind Creek know about Johnny Ray – that he is one of the best in the world at what he does. On a personal note, I am inspired by what he has done with the support of his co-workers and managers."



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Arthur Mothershed, Property Manager of Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, noted, “Johnny Ray is great at what he does, but he always wants to be better. Our goal in developing Wind Creek was to make it the best in its class and Johnny Ray reflects that – both personally and professionally.”

## **About Wind Creek Casino & Hotel**

Wind Creek Casino & Hotel is a massive 240,000 square foot facility, with 57,000 square feet of gaming floor and over 1,600 electronic gaming machines. The 160,000 square foot, 17-story, 236-room luxury hotel offers the finest in resort amenities, with spacious rooms and 24-hour-a-day room service.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. The Tribe owns gaming properties in Alabama including Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore, AL, Creek Casino Montgomery in Montgomery, AL and Creek Casino Wetumpka in Wetumpka, AL as well as multiple racetracks in Alabama and Florida.

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