

## Press Release

### Construction of Indy Hotel Complex Continues

INDIANAPOLIS (December 2, 2009 )- Builders and owners of the JW Marriott Hotel, a growing presence on downtown Indianapolis' skyline just west of the Statehouse, celebrated the building's topping out today. The 1,005-room hotel will be the largest JW Marriott in the world when it opens in February 2011.

Standing 376 feet, the JW Marriott is the third tallest concrete frame structure in Indianapolis and it sits on the largest concrete hotel foundation in the city's history. The concrete foundation and 34-story concrete structure were poured by F.A. Wilhelm Construction, Company, one of the oldest construction firms in Indianapolis.

Wilhelm began pouring the concrete foundation in May 2008 and completed the 34-story core elevator shaft two months ago. In November, Wilhelm's crews finished the major structure, consisting of 34 block-long floors that run in a curving arc between Washington and Maryland streets.

White Hospitality, Inc. of Merrillville owns and will operate the JW Marriott. Hunt Construction Company of Scottsdale, Arizona is the general contractor.

The JW Marriott anchors a complex of four hotels known as the Marriott Place complex. Other hotels in the complex will open in February 2010. The complex is in the middle of some of the city's most important attractions: across the street from the Indiana Convention Center, Victory Field, the Indiana State Museum and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art. The JW Marriott Hotel will open less than one year before the 2012 Super Bowl in Lucas Oil Stadium three blocks south.

About F.A. Wilhelm Construction, Inc.

F.A. Wilhelm Construction Co., Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wilhelm Construction, Inc. Wilhelm Construction was founded in Indianapolis in 1923 and is one of the largest contractors in the mid-west United States.

About 135 Wilhelm employees worked on the J.W. Marriott project.

Wilhelm completed the JW Marriott's main structure, standing 34 stories, at the rate of one floor per week. The company used a laser-guided system to raise the forms from one elevation to the next, eliminating cranes that would extend the construction schedule.

"The project is straight up, everything had to happen in a timely fashion," says Billy Hubbard, Wilhelm's on-site construction superintendent.

Wilhelm is construction manager on the Fairfield Hotel in the Marriott Place complex.

About the JW Marriott Hotel

The JW Marriott Indianapolis will be the largest JW Marriott in the world and tallest hotel in Indianapolis. The 34-story concrete and glass tower stands 376 feet tall.

One of the hotel's two ballrooms will be the largest hotel ballroom in the Midwest, at 40,500 square feet.

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