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## Erica Qualls Honored by Atlanta Business League

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ATLANTA, May 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Erica Qualls, Hotel Manager for the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, has been awarded with the Atlanta Business League's (ABL) 2006 prestigious League Leadership Award, an honor that recognizes the ABL volunteer who consistently works to ensure that the mission and goals of the ABL are realized. Qualls was honored at the ABL's annual CEO Awards Luncheon on May 23rd.

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"I am honored, excited and overjoyed to have been chosen to receive this award," said Qualls, who has been a member of the organization for four years.

"The ABL's mission aligns perfectly with my personal goal to make a difference in my community and in the lives of others."

The ABL was founded in 1933 to serve as a minority business developer and advocate. The organization seeks to provide economic empowerment and business development opportunities for minorities throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area. The CEO Awards are held every year to recognize Atlanta chief executive officers for outstanding participation in minority vendor development and community activities.

Qualls has also served the ABL in the capacity of Director at Large, a position she has held for nearly two years. Prior to her current position, she served as secretary of the

In her position as Hotel Manager of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Qualls is responsible for a \$100 million dollar-a-year hotel operation. The luxurious hotel is Marriott International's third largest with 1,675 hotel rooms and over 120,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. Qualls started her career with Marriott in 1993 and has held key positions in various disciplines. Prior to her current appointment, Qualls was Director, Human Resources, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, and General Manager for a Marriott hotel in Sunnyvale, Calif.

"Marriott's commitment to diversity and support of the communities where it operates is similar to ABL's mission. My involvement with both organizations makes me feel like I'm making a difference," said Qualls.

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (NYSE: MAR) is a leading lodging company with nearly 2,800 lodging properties in the United States and 66 other countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the Marriott, JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, Renaissance, Residence Inn, Courtyard, TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn, SpringHill Suites and Bulgari brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club International, Horizons, The Ritz-Carlton Club and Grand Residences by Marriott brands; operates Marriott Executive Apartments; provides furnished corporate housing through its Marriott ExecuStay division; and operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and has approximately 143,000 employees at 2005 year-end. In fiscal year 2005, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of \$11.6 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at <http://www.marriott.com>.