

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Whitney McGoram
248.258.2333
wmcgoram@identitypr.com

**FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. HIRES GENERAL MANAGER
FOR ILLINOIS HOTEL**

Spencer Strickler joins SpringHill Suites Peoria-Westlake, Ill.

ROSEMONT, Ill., March 16, 2015 — Rosemont, Ill.-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) has hired Spencer Strickler as the new general manager of the SpringHill Suites Peoria-Westlake, Ill. FHG CEO Robert Habeeb made the announcement.

Strickler joins FHG with four years of hospitality management experience, most recently serving as the general manager at the Candlewood Suites in Peoria, Ill. In this role, he specialized in guest satisfaction, employee relations, sales, marketing and community involvement. As general manager of the SpringHill Suites, he will also be responsible for operations, budgeting and personnel.

“FHG has a strong presence in Peoria with three other management contracts in the market—the Marriott Courtyard Downtown, Marriott Pere Marquette, Fairfield Inn & Suites Peoria East,” said Habeeb. “Spencer will be a great addition to our talented team of local hotel leaders, ensuring that the SpringHill Suites Peoria Westlake upholds FHG’s reputation for exceeding guest expectations.”

SpringHill Suites Peoria-Westlake, a 2014 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence winner, is conveniently located in the heart of Peoria within walking distance of the Westlake Shopping Center and a variety of family-friendly dining. The five-minute drive to Caterpillar World Headquarters, the Peoria Civic Center and Bradley University make it a convenient place to stay for business or pleasure. Along with the hotel’s amenities, which include an indoor swimming pool, a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, high-speed Internet and a shuttle service to and from the Peoria International Airport and other places of interest within a five-mile radius, guests can enjoy suites with separate areas for sleeping, working, eating and relaxing.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. is a national, experienced, and established hospitality management and development company serving the investment and real estate industries. Since 1985, FHG has been an award-winning pioneer in the hospitality industry. FHG currently manages more than 16 brands and 62 properties throughout the Midwest. Visit www.fhginc.com.

XXX