AAHOA Applauds Biden Administration for Raising Number of Temporary Worker Visas

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22 – AAHOA President & CEO Ken Greene issued the following statement on the Biden Administration making 20,000 additional visas available for seasonal, non-agricultural guest workers through March 31.

“America’s hotel owners applaud the Biden Administration for making these additional visas available – something that will help alleviate labor shortages that the hospitality industry has been facing for months throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

AAHOA and other associations have been putting pressure on our government officials to take actions, such as this, to help businesses meet their workforce needs.

The Department of Homeland Security says Biden will make an additional 20,000 H-2B seasonal guest-worker visas available to employers ahead of the winter hiring season.

This is a step in the right direction for America’s hoteliers, as our industry, and many industries, are facing one of the tightest labor markets in decades.”

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About AAHOA

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the nation, with Member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA’s 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation’s GDP. More than one million employees work at AAHOA member-owned hotels, earning $47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA’s mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.