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## WIRTA HOSPITALITY WORLDWIDE WINS CHOICE HOTELS ECO-EXCELLENCE AWARD

San Francisco, CA: Bret and Trisha Wirta owners of Wirta Hospitality Worldwide, accepted the Choice Hotels International Award for Property Excellence at a gala event in San Francisco last month. The APEX award for Eco-Excellence was awarded to the couple for their efforts toward operating a more sustainable hotel. Their Quality Inn and Suites located in Sequim, WA, was recognized for being designated an “Energy Star” hotel for the second year in a row. The Wirta’s were also recognized for their pioneering work with Clean the World. Owner Trish Wirta said “Clean the World is a wonderful organization. We ship the left-over soaps and shampoos from our guest rooms to CTW who re-process and distribute them to areas of the world where soap is the key to preventing the spread of childhood infectious diseases.”

Husband Bret Wirta said, “Our company vision is to be a good neighbor. That means being a thoughtful steward of our environment. For instance at our new Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center, also located in Sequim, we just began generating electricity with our new 44 panel solar array. Instead of using electricity generated by conventional means, our conference center is now powered by the sun!”

The Wirta’s have won the Choice Hotel’s APEX award for Eco-Excellence for three years in a row.



**Trish and Bret Wirta accepting APEX award from Choice Hotel’s David Kwok (left)**