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CITY GOES DARK SMART FOR *LIGHTS OUT HOUSTON*

HOUSTON - For the third year in a row, the Greater Houston Partnership is teaming up with the City of Houston, Central Houston, Inc. and top commercial property owners and managers in the region for *Lights Out Houston*. The skyline will go dark for the weekend as buildings across the city turn off the lights to reduce the consumption of non-essential electricity during times when facilities are typically vacant.

Security lighting, any obstruction lighting, emergency lighting and lights in occupied offices will remain lit.

Lights Out Houston started in 2008 as a city-wide undertaking to transform the "Energy Capital of the World" into the "Energy Conservation Capital". The initiative demonstrates a commitment by the private sector to energy efficiency. It includes widespread participation by Houston area building owners and their tenants. The goal is to establish a sustained reduction in the use of non-essential electricity in commercial buildings. As companies look for ways to save money, conservation presents a simple solution.

Last year, commercial building participation totaled nearly 112 million square feet, representing more than \$55,000 in savings that weekend alone. If participating owners and tenants put this into practice year-round, it would translate into an annual savings of \$3.5 million on electric bills. Participating property owners and managers including Crescent, Brookfield, Hines, Transwestern, Granite Properties, Behringer Harvard and CBRE and have pledged their commitment to energy conservation.

Who: Greater Houston Partnership
City of Houston
Central Houston, Inc.
Houston's top commercial property owners and managers

When: Friday, April 23, 2010
10 pm

Where: The greater Houston area

What: All Class A, B and C office buildings and all government-owned buildings
(excludes hotels, streetlights, emergency lighting, etc).

For more information visit www.LightsOutHouston.com.

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The Greater Houston Partnership is the primary advocate of Houston's business community and is dedicated to building regional economic prosperity. It represents 10 counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller. With more than 2,100 Member organizations, GHP represents approximately one-fifth of the region's work force. Visit GHP at houston.org.

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