



Georgia Aquarium Announces \$110 Million Expansion
-Atlanta to welcome Bottlenose Dolphins-

ATLANTA (May 6, 2008) –The Georgia Aquarium will break ground this summer on a \$110 million dolphin exhibit that will open by the end of 2010.

Located on the west side of the present building near the Luckie Street parking deck entrance, the building will encompass areas that include dolphin encounters, viewing windows and dolphin shows. The bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) that will initially inhabit the Aquarium's new building will come from Marineland's Dolphin Conservation Center, founded in 2006 to educate and entertain guests through interactive dolphin encounters.

“The Georgia Aquarium's entertainment, conservation efforts and programs have significantly enhanced the city's appeal,” said Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau president & CEO Spurgeon Richardson. “The dolphin exhibit is an exciting addition to Atlanta's collection of unique and must see attractions.”

Construction is expected to begin in August 2008 and will open to the public winter 2010. The new addition will feature 84,000 square feet of space and a 1.3 million gallon exhibit.

Renderings attached

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