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SODEXO NAMED FOODSERVICE PROVIDER FOR MARINE CORPS MARATHON
Sodexo to serve 35,000 meals over three day event

GAITHERSBURG, MD, October 1, 2008---Sodexo, Inc. announced today that the company has been named the foodservice provider for the Marine Corps Marathon and its surrounding weekend of events. Under the new agreement, Sodexo will provide the fuel that makes both the marathoners and event staff run later this month in Washington, D.C.

So, exactly what does it take to provide nourishment for Marine Corps Marathon staff, volunteers, and participants throughout the weekend? A Sodexo team from the D.C. area will provide breakfast for 700 people; lunch for 900 people; 5,100 boxed lunches for the Marines working the event; 27,000 hospitality bags for runners; and catering services to the marathon VIP tent.

“Our mission at Sodexo is to ‘make every day a better day’ for our customers and the Marine Corps Marathon weekend illustrates the important role the combination of physical well being and community plays in overall health,” said Greg Verone, president of Government Services. “As a long-term partner to the Marine Corps Marathon, and a past runner, I am pleased to expand our services.”

The Marine Corps Marathon, the annual race known as “The People’s Marathon,” brings together runners from all walks of life to participate in a patriotic race and a day of family-

friendly activities, including the Healthy Kids' Fun Run, which Sodexo has co-sponsored since 2003.

“The Fun Run teaches kids about the importance of exercise and healthy food choices,” added Verone. “With childhood obesity reaching epidemic proportions, it is our obligation and our commitment to be a leader in wellness initiatives.”

Sodexo, proud foodservice provider to the United States Marine Corps since 2002, provides services to all mess halls on USMC bases throughout the continental United States.

About Sodexo, Inc.

Sodexo, Inc. (www.sodexoUSA.com) is a leading integrated food and facilities management services company in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, with \$7.3 billion (USD) in annual revenue and 120,000 employees. Sodexo, Inc. serves more than ten million customers daily in corporations, health care, long term care and retirement centers, schools, college campuses, government and remote sites. Sodexo, Inc., headquartered in Gaithersburg, Md., is a member of Sodexo Group, and funds the Sodexo Foundation (www.helpstophunger.org), an independent charitable organization that, since its founding in 1999, has made more than \$9.2 million in grants to fight hunger in America.

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