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The Essex, Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa, Assumes Operations of The Ponds at Bolton Valley

(Bolton, VT) The owners of Bolton Valley Resort today announced a new partnership with The Essex, Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa; The Essex is assuming operations of The Ponds at Bolton Valley, one of the state's premier wedding, conference, and event facilities.

"This partnership marries two of Vermont's finest destinations," says Doug Nedde, a principal of Redstone Commercial Group and an owner of Bolton Valley Resort. "The Essex Resort & Spa is a national leader in providing culinary and lodging excellence for its guests, and we're very pleased to be able to now share that with our patrons at Bolton Valley Resort. At the same time, guests at The Essex will now be exposed to Bolton Valley's fantastic array of seasonal activities, from alpine and Nordic skiing in the winter to hiking in the summer and fall."

Surrounded by 5,000 acres of Vermont forests and mountains, The Ponds offers panoramic views from every window, a Great Room with vaulted ceilings, and a spectacular river stone fireplace. Capable of hosting 300 people, The Ponds is an ideal location not only for weddings, but also for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, corporate retreats, and other gatherings, offering a quintessential Vermont culinary-event experience.

The Essex Resort & Spa's newly appointed Food & Beverage Director Chef Arnd Sievers is a Certified Master Chef, the highest and most demanding level of achievement certified by the American Culinary Federation. Through this new agreement, Chef Sievers will also serve as Food & Beverage Director of all events at The Ponds as well.

"I believe having Chef Sievers lead the culinary offerings here at The Essex and at The Ponds furthers our standing a leading resort destination," says Jim Glanville, General Manager of The Essex Resort & Spa. "Prospective brides and meeting planners now have two first-class options in Chittenden County, and they both include cuisine that is among the best in the region."

Bolton Valley Resort is a complete, year-round destination. The closest ski resort to Greater Burlington, with 71 trails and six lifts, it is located on the Catamount Trail and the VAST trail system, giving visitors ample options for hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Bolton Valley is also the home of the Bolton Adventure Center, which offers a mixture of high and low elements in its natural mountain setting.

The Essex Resort & Spa is set on 18 acres in Essex, Vermont, offering 120 inviting guest rooms, two award-winning restaurants, cooking classes in Cook Academy, and the area's only full-service Spa and Salon. Just 12 miles from The Ponds, The Essex is a natural partner for Bolton Valley Resort.

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“We are very pleased to be bringing together The Essex’s AAA Four-Diamond lodging and its culinary excellence with the stunning beauty of The Ponds and our extensive opportunities to explore and enjoy Vermont’s breathtaking wilderness,” says Nedde. “This is a mutually-beneficial partnership between two of Vermont’s leading hospitality venues.”

The Essex Resort is assuming operations of The Ponds immediately. All previously-scheduled events at The Ponds, including all 2011 weddings, will continue as planned.

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