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Record Breaking Investment in Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation at Hemisfair’s Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel

San Antonio, TX – The highly anticipated Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel, the first building slated to rise in San Antonio’s Hemisfair mixed-use development, may open its doors as the largest single investment in energy-efficiency measures and water conservation under the State of Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy (TX-PACE) program. The 17-story, 200-room full-service hotel is expected to open in late 2025 with an impressive commitment to clean energy by developer Zachry Hospitality. The 196,650 sq ft facility will feature offerings such as a signature restaurant and bar, café, rooftop bar, underground speakeasy bar, ballroom and meeting space, a terrace pool with cabanas, full-service spa, fitness center, retail outlets and a public garden.

The investment in energy improvements will optimize the building’s plumbing and water conservation; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) efficiency; energy-efficient electrical and lighting; and envelope improvements.

"The San Antonio PACE program, as administered by the Alamo Council of Governments (AACOG), provides access to alternative financing sources that make significant, energy-efficient developments possible while reducing operating costs," stated Tara Snowden, Vice President of Public and Government Affairs at Zachry. "With AACOG’s guidance, the Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel will be the most energy, water, and environmentally conscious property in downtown San Antonio."

TX-PACE, a program approved by State legislation in 2014 and adopted by the City of San Antonio in 2020, is a financial tool that incentivizes property owners to lower their operating costs and pay for eligible water conservation and energy efficiency projects by way of long-term, low-cost financing typically not available through traditional financing options. The improvements must be permanently affixed to the property and directly result in a reduction of energy and water use.

The addition of the Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel project will bring San Antonio’s investment into energy conservation projects via TX-PACE to \$83M. Three recent projects: The Travis Building mixed-use redevelopment, The Allen office building, and the Intercontinental Hotel rehab project have also produced 400 local jobs.

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