

First Bristol Corporation named National Developer of the Year

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First Bristol Corporation, a leading Real Estate Development and Management firm based in Massachusetts, announced through its President and CEO, James Karam, a resident of Tiverton, RI that the Company was selected by Hilton Hotels Worldwide, as a result of its Developments across Southern New England, as the **National Developer of the Year** for its Homewood Suites by Hilton Brand.

The award recognizes people and organizations for their achievements in real estate development. Recipients are recognized based on criteria including the number of properties approved, and quality and quantity of hotels developed that meet or exceed brand standards; finalists are chosen by Hilton's global brand leadership.



President and CEO, James Karam *Standard-Times*

“We are thrilled to acknowledge First Bristol with this award, considering their hard work in breaking ground on a recent string of Homewood Suites hotels,” said Karen Whitman, Senior Director of Development, Hilton Worldwide. “Over the years, we have developed a strong partnership and relationship with First Bristol in the creation of Homewood Suites, Hampton Inns and Hilton Garden Inn Hotels, and we couldn’t be happier to congratulate Jim Karam and his team on this award and their achievements.”

“It is an honor to receive such a prestigious National award from one of the world’s largest hospitality companies,” said Jim Karam, president and CEO of First Bristol Corporation. “To be recognized for what our firm has accomplished as a family business is truly gratifying, and I am proud of and thankful to the entire First Bristol team for their continuous performance over several decades.”

Karam started First Bristol Corporation 35 years ago, and has built the family business into one of New England’s premier real estate development and management companies. As an industry leader, he will be featured as a panelist at the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce’s annual business conference, Game Changers in Worcester, this month.