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**THE CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ENHANCES THE BENEFITS OF
MEMBERSHIP AT THE CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER**

New flat rate eases the cost of parking while visiting the Science Center

June 24, 2013-(HARTFORD, CT) – Starting July 1, members of the Connecticut Science Center can stay, play and explore as long as they like without having to worry about hourly parking rates. The Capital Region Development Authority's, (CRDA) Board of Directors has approved a \$5 parking fee during the Science Center's operating hours.

"The Connecticut Science Center is a popular and affordable family attraction in downtown Hartford", states Suzanne Hopgood, CRDA Board chairman. "We are happy to make it possible for members to enjoy and experience all that the facility has to offer without adding to the cost of the outing."

The \$5 rate only applies to the Science Center Parking Garage. Science Center members must present a valid membership card when leaving the garage and they must exit the garage within one hour after the Science Center closes. Patrons remaining in the garage beyond that time will be subject to regular hourly parking rates.

"We appreciate the support of the CRDA's board", says Matt Fleury, President and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center. "The ability to offer safe, inexpensive parking to our members has always been an important goal and we are grateful to CRDA for making it happen."

The Science Center Parking Garage is located beneath the Science Center accessed through its Grove Street entrance. For more information about membership and hours of operation, please visit www.CTScienceCenter.org.

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