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SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS RELEASES 2009 LIST OF BEST HOTELS, CONFERENCE CENTERS, CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAUS AND NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICES AS SELECTED BY MEETING PLANNERS NATIONWIDE

MAY, 2009...BOSTON, MA – **Hyatt Harborside at Boston's International Airport** has been named one of the best Hotels and will receive a prestigious **2009 Successful Meetings Pinnacle Award**—the mark of excellence for meeting destinations. These organizations have done an outstanding job servicing their meetings, incentive travel programs, trade shows and conventions during the previous year.

2009 marks the 25th year the Pinnacle Awards have recognized Hotels, the 19th year Pinnacle has included the efforts of CVBs and NTOs and the 13th year of Conference Center Awards. The Pinnacle Award earned a reputation as the most credible and prestigious symbol of excellence among meeting planners and hoteliers alike. "With all of the hospitality choices that meeting and event planners have these days, any property that wins a Pinnacle Award is obviously in the highest tier of quality in the hospitality field," said Vince Alonzo, *Successful Meetings'* Editorial Director. "And the best part is that it is planners themselves who are making this distinction, thus giving a credible stamp of approval that others can use when deciding where to host a meeting, incentive, convention, or trade show."

Readers of *Successful Meetings* magazine -- corporate and association executives with meeting planning responsibilities -- registered to become Pinnacle Reviewers via online ballots and gave feedback based on their professional experiences worldwide. Reviews are based on a scale of 1-10 (10 being best) across four categories. The 2009 Pinnacle Award Winners will be listed in the August Pinnacle Registry in print and online at www.successfulmeetings.com/pinnacle.

The four categories for hotels and conference centers:

- Accommodations
- Amenities
- Meeting Facilities and Services
- Food & Beverage

And four unique categories for CVBs and NTOs:

- Area Group Amenities
- Quality/Availability of Information
- Quality/Variety of Services & Facilities
- Service/Responsiveness of Staff

The Pinnacle Awards recognize reader/planner selections of the leading meeting destination venues and support organizations across the United States and internationally. All winners will be listed in *Successful Meetings'* annual Pinnacle Registry, published in August. The award-winning *Successful Meetings* magazine has long been respected for industry innovation and authoritative discussion of meeting, special event, incentive, convention and trade show planning and execution. With the largest industry audience, *Successful Meetings* reaches corporate/sales/marketing executives who plan meetings, meeting professionals and event planners, trade show directors, and association executives who are involved with planning conventions and meetings. For more information on *Successful Meetings*, please visit www.successfulmeetings.com. *Successful Meetings* is owned by Nielsen Business Media, a division of The Nielsen Company.

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