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Greater Lansing CVB Sales Manager Wins 2010 MMPI Supplier of the Year

LANSING, Mich. – The Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau (GLCVB) is pleased to announce sales manager Mary Chris Hotchkiss was recently named Supplier of the Year by Michigan Meeting Professionals International (MMPI) at their annual awards ceremony held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Nominated for the award by a fellow chapter member, Hotchkiss was ultimately chosen for the honor by the MMPI Award Selection Committee.

Hotchkiss began her career in the meetings profession in 1995, working at such hotel properties as the McCamly Plaza in Battle Creek, Lansing's Holiday Inn South and the East Lansing Marriott at University Place. Hotchkiss joined the staff of the GLCVB in 2007 and is focused on the state association market. An active member of MMPI since 1997, Hotchkiss is also a past winner of the MMPI OVAL Award for her volunteer support of several chapter activities and committees.

"We at the GLCVB are very happy to see Mary Chris receive this well-deserved honor," said Lee Hladki, President/CEO of the GLCVB. "She has built upon a career full of strong relationships and solid contacts to become a leader in the industry and a key part of the GLCVB sales team."

Michigan Meeting Professionals International seeks to build a rich global meeting industry community making its members successful in building human connections to: Knowledge/Ideas, Relationships and Marketplaces. The **Michigan Chapter**, established in 1979, empowers its members to increase their strategic value with education, professional development and business growth opportunities.

For more information about the GLCVB visit <u>www.lansing.org</u>, or to follow the GLCVB on twitter, please visit <u>http://twitter.com/GreaterLansing</u>. For more information on MMPI visit <u>www.mmpi.org</u>.

The Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau seeks to positively impact the economic well being of the Greater Lansing area by marketing the entire region as a desirable convention and tourism destination.

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