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## **Malinda Harrell Wins Supplier of the Year Award from Meetings Professional International – Carolinas Chapter**

**Raleigh, N.C.**– Meetings Professional International – Carolinas Chapter (MPI-CC) recently awarded the Supplier of the Year Award to Malinda Harrell, CMP, CASE, Associate Director of Convention Sales at the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Supplier of the Year award recognizes an individual who has made an impact on MPI-CC service through International and Chapter participation; industry contributions and community service including membership and involvement in other organizations; articles written in the hospitality press; speaking engagements and awards/professional recognition; professional/career advancement including professional designations; biographical information; job description; and current letters of commendation. The award was presented at MPI-CC's Annual Awards Gala.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments made by Malinda," said Denny Edwards, president and CEO of the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau. "She has proven herself to be a dedicated individual to our organization. This is an incredible honor for her and I am lucky to have her as part of our team."

Harrell has been a member of the Bureau team since 2006, being promoted from National Sales Manager to Associate Director of Convention Sales. She has been a member of MPI-CC since 2006 and has served the organization as Committee Chair, Director of Membership, VP of Membership. At the Awards Gala, Harrell was installed on the 2012-2013 Board of Directors as Vice President of Communications.

*The Carolinas Chapter of Meeting Professionals International is dedicated to the professional and personal growth of its members and the meeting industry through education, networking, and communications.*

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