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**GREATER RALEIGH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
WINS GOLD SERVICE AWARD FOR 2009**
PRESENTED BY MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS MAGAZINE

Raleigh, NC – Meetings & Convention Magazine readers have selected the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau (GRCVB) as a recipient of the 2009 Gold Service Award. This is the second time the GRCVB has won this prestigious award.

This annual award honors Convention and Visitors Bureaus that have excelled in professionalism and dedication in their service to meeting professionals. Relying on their extensive industry experience in both corporate and association markets, the magazine's readers made selections based on key criteria including: professionalism of staff; support on hotels and site inspections; assistance with ground transportation planning; guidance on local attractions; and liaisons with local vendors and services.

“The sales team has been working tirelessly on promoting the Greater Raleigh area as a premier meetings and convention destination and take pride in providing stellar service and making a lasting impression,” said Denny Edwards, president and CEO of the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Winning CVBs will be featured in *Meetings and Conventions'* Gold Awards issue later this year.

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The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, as the official destination marketing organization of Raleigh and Wake County, accelerates sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business.