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**LORETTA YINGLING HONORED AS SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR FROM
N.C. SOCIETY OF GOVERNMENT MEETING PROFESSIONALS**

(RALEIGH, N.C.) May 2009 – The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to announce National Sales Manager, Loretta Yingling, has been recognized as Supplier of the Year by the N.C. Society of Government Meeting Professionals (NC-SGMP).

This prestigious award recognizes a member of NC-SGMP in good standing who is nominated by industry peers and hand-selected by members of the organization's Board of Directors. The Supplier of the Year award is a reflection of a member's dedication to the NC-SGMP chapter and its membership.

"The Supplier of the Year award is a tremendous honor for not only Loretta, but the Bureau as well," said Denny Edwards, president and CEO of the GRCVB. "Loretta is a valued member of the Bureau sales team and she continues to prove herself as a dedicated and committed member of the meetings and conventions industry."

Yingling has been a member of the Bureau team since 2006 as a National Sales Manager focusing on the Eastern United States for groups of 40-attendees or more. This year she received the Certified Meeting Planner (CMP) designation and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Meeting Professionals International – Carolinas Chapter. Previously she has served terms on committees for NC-SGMP and Association Executives of North Carolina.

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, as the official destination and marketing organization of Raleigh and Wake County, accelerates sustainable economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business. Through its website www.visitRaleigh.com and other tools, the GRCVB assist local visitors in a variety of ways.

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