



**Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau Captures Two Industry Awards**  
*-Meeting planners recognize ACVB for outstanding service-*

ATLANTA (Aug. 29, 2006) – Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) has captured two industry awards for hospitality excellence.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, *Meetings and Conventions* magazine awarded ACVB with a Gold Service Award for outstanding customer service. ACVB first won the award in 1987 and has been acknowledged by the magazine every year since 1992. ACVB has also received *Successful Meetings* magazine's Pinnacle Award for exceeding meeting planners expectations and has garnered the award for the 16<sup>th</sup> time. Both publications surveyed top industry professionals and made their selections based on overall experience, quality of services provided and attractiveness of the destination.

“We are truly excited that meeting planners continue to recognize the bureau’s dedication to promoting and bringing business to Atlanta,” said Spurgeon Richardson, ACVB president and CEO. “These two awards demonstrate our commitment to maintaining Atlanta’s reputation as a great city to hold any event.”

ACVB is charged with implementing aggressive sales and marketing programs that support Atlanta’s \$5.7 billion convention and tourism industry. The combined efforts of ACVB, convention and meeting facilities, hotels and service organizations have helped to make Atlanta one of the top five convention destinations in the nation.

Established in 1913, ACVB is a private, nonprofit organization created exclusively to market metro Atlanta and Georgia as a premier convention, meeting and leisure destination in the regional, national and international marketplace and to favorably impact the Atlanta economy through conventions and tourism. For more information, visit [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net).

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