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**The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center
Receives Award of Excellence Honor**

THE WOODLANDS, TX (July 27, 2009) . . . The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center continues to receive awards from meeting trade publications as voted on by top meeting professionals. Most recently, the resort received *Corporate & Incentive Travel* magazine's 2009 Award of Excellence.

Readers of *Corporate & Incentive Travel* magazine, who plan meetings for large corporations as well as incentive travel, selected winners based on extensive criteria such as quality of meeting space, guestrooms, guest services and amenities, food and beverage service, high-tech services and equipment, recreational facilities and activities, helpfulness of staff and overall value.

"We are constantly evaluating our facilities, amenities and service standards to make sure all guests receive the best experience possible. Awards such as this reinforce those efforts," said Kent Johnson, general manager for the 440-room property. "The Award of Excellence is particularly meaningful because it comes straight from meeting planners who have held events here."

About The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center

Where natural beauty meets high-tech convenience, the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC) approved Woodlands Resort & Conference Center combines the highest quality conference facilities with resort amenities. The property is centrally located, a three-hour flight from either coast, and 18 miles from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

A founding member of IACC, the 440-room property features 60,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, including a 13,500-square-foot Grand Ballroom and 32 dedicated meeting rooms. Nearly all meeting space offers natural light and views of the lake or forest. Other meeting highlights include two full-service business centers, a concierge floor with private boardroom, an extensive menu of themed food and beverage presentations and a team of experienced meeting professionals. Meeting attendees enjoy activities ranging from team building events to on-property resort amenities such as golf, spa and fitness facilities, 145 miles of nature and bike trails, five pools and indoor and outdoor tennis courts. Visit www.woodlandsresort.com or call 866-554-8118 for group planning needs.

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