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**The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center Receives
Inner Circle Award From Readers of *Association Meetings Magazine***

THE WOODLANDS, TX (July 22, 2009) . . . The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center has received the coveted 2009 Inner Circle Award as chosen by readers of *Association Meetings* magazine; a leading trade publication for meeting and convention planners. The award is given to properties that have exemplified excellence in their levels of quality and service in the meetings and hospitality industry.

Now in its 17th year, the Inner Circle Award is given to a select group of conference centers, hotels, convention centers and visitors bureaus as selected and reviewed by meeting planners who make their selections based on high level of service, flexible function space, quality of food and beverage, and good value on room rates.

“This award recognizes not only the quality of our conference facilities, but the efforts of our entire team who provide a high-level of service to each and every guest,” says Tory Enriquez, the Resort’s Director of Sales and Marketing.

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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