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**Abilene receives Texas Meetings + Events “Best Of” Awards**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Texas Meetings + Events Magazine held their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Readers’ Choice “Best Of” Awards in San Antonio on Monday night and Abilene cannot be more pleased with the results.

The magazine’s readers – meeting planners, suppliers, vendors and event planners – cast their votes to honor those who continually go above and beyond in the industry. Once Texas Meetings + Events staff tallied the votes, the winners were kept secret until the big announcement at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. The winners were also featured in a special fall issue of the magazine.

The state is divided up into regions; Abilene lies in the Panhandle Plains. Amongst the region, the **Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau** received the award for the **Best Destination Marketing Organization**. Several local partners also received “Best Of” awards that night: Meeting/Event Venue, Hotel or Resort (500+), **Abilene Civic Center**; Meeting/Event Venue, Hotel or Resort (less than 500), **Hilton Garden Inn – Abilene**; Catering Company, **Cypress Street Station**; Golf Venue, **Diamondback Golf Club**; and Meeting/Event Planning Company, **The Arrangement**.

“Revealing our 2011 Readers’ Choice ‘Best Of’ Award winners is the most exciting moment of our editorial year,” representatives from Texas Meetings + Events stated.

Congratulations to all!

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