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## Award Of Excellence Presented To ACCESS Destination Services

SAN DIEGO, CA — Bank of America recently presented ACCESS Destination Services, San Diego with their “Award of Excellence.” This award is given annually by Bank of America to their top supplier partner worldwide. Historically reserved for a hotel partner, this is a first-ever distinction for a destination management company (DMC) by Bank of America.

“This year Bank of America decided to expand the award program to also recognize ACCESS because they exceeded performance expectations in the course of our 2007 recognition programs,” said Brooke Lawn, senior vice president, global marketing for Bank of America. ACCESS CEO Christopher Lee responded, “It is truly an honor to be recognized by such an experienced and professional group as Bank of America.” For more information, visit [accessdmc.com](http://accessdmc.com).

## Benchmark Reopens Historic Bedford Springs Resort

THE WOODLANDS, TX — Benchmark Hospitality International recently reopened the circa 1796 Bedford Springs Resort. The opening showcased the \$120-million restoration and expansion program for the historic “springs” resort, which has 216 enlarged and updated guest rooms, 20,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting facilities, dining in four restaurants, tavern and lobby bar, and the 30,000-square-foot Springs Eternal Spa.

Also part of the celebration was the reopening of the fully restored Bedford Springs Old Course. This unique and historic collaboration of golf holes stretches across the foot of the Allegheny Mountains through the Bedford Springs Valley. For more information, visit [bedfordspringsresort.com](http://bedfordspringsresort.com).

## Chicago Bans Smoking

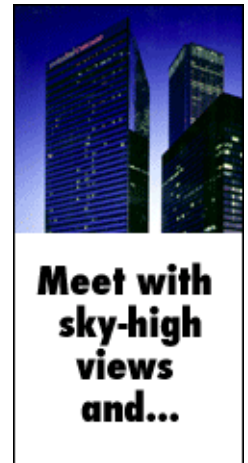
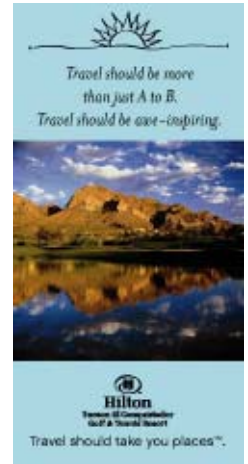
CHICAGO, IL — Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a law recently that makes Illinois the 19th state to ban smoking in public places. The law will take effect on January 1, 2008. The law will prohibit smoking in all public buildings and in most businesses and government vehicles, including bars and restaurants, as well as places in which businesses open to the public are operated.

## ADME Launches Accreditation Program For Dmcs

DAYTON, OH — The Association of Destination Management Executives (ADME) has launched the Accredited Destination Management Company (ADMC) accreditation program, which is available to destination management companies (DMC) that meet the ADMC program standards. The standards include requirements that measure the stability of the company, their commitment to the DMC industry and their service levels to clients.

“The ADMC is for companies and is designed to set the standards and industry best practices for destination management companies,” said ADME’s President Ilene Reinhart, DMCP, CMP. “The accreditation process also serves as a valuable self-assessment tool, which allows a DMC to review its practices and ensure that it adheres to the recognized standards.”

ADMC applications are available at [adme.org](http://adme.org).



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