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ADME Announces Charter Accredited Destination Management Companies (ADMC)

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The Association of Destination Management Executives (ADME) is thrilled to announce the Charter class of Destination Management Companies receiving their Accredited Destination Management Company (ADMC) accreditation.



These 24 destination management companies (DMC) representing 32 office locations met the ADMC Program standards and completed a successful review of their application by the ADMC commission. Barbara Dunn, Esq. Attorney and Partner with Howe & Hutton, Ltd., and member of the ADMC Commission, stated, *“I underestimated the scope of the ADMC application process and was impressed as to how thorough and comprehensive the submission process is.”* Program standards include requirements that measure the longevity and stability of the company, their commitment to the DMC industry and their service levels to clients.

“I congratulate those companies who have achieved the Charter designation and applaud them for taking this important step for our industry,” says ADME’s President Ilene Reinhart, DMCP, CMP. *“The program is designed to set the standards and industry best practices for Destination Management Companies and will enable clients to identify professional DMCs when they are searching for an industry partner.”* states Reinhart.

The companies receiving Charter ADMC status are:

- **ACCESS Destination Services**, Orange County, Los Angeles, Palm Springs and San Diego, CA
- **Accent on Arrangements**, New Orleans, LA
- **Advantage Destination & Meeting Services, Inc.**, Miami, FL
- **Alan Waxler Group**, Las Vegas, NV
- **Arrangers**, Denver, CO
- **Atlanta Arrangements**, Atlanta, GA
- **Briggs Inc.**, New York, NY

- **Destination King**, Memphis, TN
- **Destination Nashville**, Goodlettsville, TN
- **Destination St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO
- **Discover New York, LLC**, New York, NY
- **MAC Meetings and Events**, St. Louis, MO
- **metroConnections, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN
- **Newport Hospitality, Inc.**, Newport, RI
- **PRA Destination Management**, New Orleans, LA
- **PRA Destination Management**, San Diego, San Diego North, Orange County, Los Angeles
- **Signature DMC**, New Orleans, LA
- **Tahoe Experience Inc.**, Lake Tahoe and Reno, NV
- **The Event Team**, San Diego, CA
- **The Key Event and Helen Moskowitz Group**, Nashville, TN
- **The Meeting Manager**, San Diego and Palm Springs, CA
- **Travel Services, Inc.**, San Juan, PR
- **Ultimate Ventures**, Dallas, TX
- **Visitours, Inc.**, Louisville, KY

Members of the ADMC Commission include:

- **Barbara Dunn, Esq.**, Attorney and Partner, Howe & Hutton, Ltd., Ballwin, MO
- **Joan L. Eisenstodt**, Chief Strategist, Eisenstodt Associates, LLC, Conference Consulting, Facilitation & Training, Washington, DC
- **Bonnie Fedchock**, Executive Director, National Association of Catering Executives, Columbia, MD
- **Barb Hollister**, Senior Director, Industry Relations & Procurement, Carlson Marketing Group, Plymouth, MN
- **Dave Lutz**, Managing Director, Velvet Chainsaw Consulting, Aurora, OH

The next ADMC application deadline will be in the spring of 2008. Information and applications are available on the ADME web site at www.adme.org.

ADME is the only global non-profit association dedicated to increasing the professionalism and effectiveness of destination management through education, promotion of ethical practices, and availability of information to the meetings, convention, and incentive travel industries, as well as the general public.

For more information on the ADMC Program and ADME go to www.adme.org or contact the ADME office at 937.586.3727 or via email at info@adme.org.

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