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Global DMC Partners DMCs Win Four ADMEI Achievement Awards

Four Member DMCs are recognized as the best in destination management

Washington, DC – BBC Destination Management, Destination Nashville, Florida Meeting Services, and LEO Events received top awards at the 10th annual Association of Destination Management Executives International's (ADME International) Achievement Awards Gala in Los Cabos, Mexico on February 14, 2015.

Although the competition was fierce, Global DMC Partners DMCs earned awards in all three traditional Award Categories. Based in New Orleans, BBC Destination Management took home an Achievement Award for the Best Innovative Event in the \$200,001-\$500,000 Category for their <u>Fais Do Do on the Bayou</u> program. Destination Nashville received an Excellence Award in Technology Integration for their Pitch Hop Program. Florida Meetings Services won an Achievement Award for Best Creative Event in the Teambuilding Activity Category for their <u>Virginia Key Restoration Program</u>. Memphis-based LEO Events' Director of Sales & Events, Airika Gigas, DMCP, won the Rising Star Award in recognition of contributions to the destination management industry by an individual with less than five years in the industry.

Global DMC Partners President, Catherine Chaulet, was delighted to make a statement on behalf of their members' achievements. "BBC Destination Management, Destination Nashville, Florida Meeting Services and LEO Events set the bar high and embody our exemplary company values. These four members are the epitome of our partnership and we are very proud of their extraordinary dedication to our clients and their programs," she stated.

About Association of Destination Management Executives International (<u>www.adme.org</u>). The ADME International 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. ADME International represents 200 destination management professionals in North America and abroad. Each is affiliated with a destination management company (DMC). A DMC is a professional services company possessing extensive local knowledge, expertise and resources, specializing in the design and implementation of events, activities, tours, transportation and program logistics.

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About Global DMC Partners: Global DMC Partners is the only truly global network of independent destination management companies and sales advisors offering meeting professionals one worldwide solution to their destination management needs. Formed by visionary industry veterans, the company has exclusive partnerships with more than 50 DMCs. Spanning the world with 25 DMCs representing the Americas & the Caribbean, 7 DMCs representing Africa and the Middle East, 19 DMCs representing Europe, and 4 DMCs representing Asia and the South Pacific, Global DMC Partners represents over 100 destinations. Thanks to a team with decades of experience and a passion for the industry, Global DMC Partners provides an unparalleled level of creativity and commitment to clients by promising to deliver one-of-a-kind programs under a singular standard of excellence. For more information, including a complete listing of destinations in the Global DMC Partners network, please visit us online at www.globaldmcpartners.com

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