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**International Society of Hotel Association Executives
Announces 2011 Awards of Excellence Recipients**

BOSTON, MA - The International Society of Hotel Association Executives (ISHAE) has announced the 2011 Awards of Excellence. The ISHAE Awards of Excellence, presented and sponsored by USA TODAY, will be given out next month at the 25th annual ISHAE Winter Conference at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club in La Jolla, California. Winners have been recognized in seven categories for state lodging associations in two distinct budget ranges.

The winners of the Award of Excellence in each category include:

- Communications
 - Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- Education & Workforce Development
 - Rhode Island Hospitality Association
 - Hotel Association of Canada
- Events & Fundraising
 - Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
- Government Affairs
 - Arizona Hotel and Lodging Association
 - Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association

- Member Programs
 - California Hotel & Lodging Association
- Membership
 - Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
- Public Relations
 - Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association
- Special Award
 - Texas Hotel & Lodging Association

“ISHAE is pleased to recognize these ten award winners,” stated Christina Pappas, Executive Director of ISHAE. “The dual award winning associations in Texas and Wisconsin deserve special acknowledgement for their level of excellent programming in this past year.”

ISHAE presents the annual Awards of Excellence for the best lodging association programs and services and are widely recognized as the “best of the best” within the hotel and lodging association industry representing innovation and creativity that has brought tangible results to the association and its members. Award winners receive complimentary registration to the ISHAE Winter Conference at which they are allowed to present their winning entries to all conference attendees.

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The International Society of Hotel Association Executives provides professional development and networking opportunities for lodging association executives and represents the unified voice of state lodging association executives in working with the American Hotel & Lodging Association. ISHAE is managed by Open the Door, Inc. and can be found on the web at www.ishae.org.