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***Tourism Employee Receives Distinction from Leading Publication in Meetings Industry***

Christine Magee, associate manager for the Division of Tourism's Meetings and Conventions office has been named by *Convention South* magazine as one of its "Meeting Professionals to Watch in 2003". The awards were chosen based on nominations provided by industry peers at convention and visitors bureaus and meeting sites in the South. Seventy awards were given, and Magee is among three chosen from Mississippi.

Magee has a background in office management for a public relations firm and holds degrees in hotel/restaurant management as well as in travel and tourism. "I have thought about writing a dream book for meeting planning," Magee told *Convention South* in an interview. "This very large book would offer anecdotes and advice on how to handle any situation that may arise...Everything from weather-related tragedies to great attendance promotion to choosing an affordable site to signing a complicated contract would be in this book."

"I am proud of my employees and the work they are producing," said Darienne Wilson, director of the Division of Tourism for MDA. "Not only are these recognitions good for our morale, but they show to others how well the state is doing in the Tourism industry."

Magee has worked at MDA since 1999 and has been an asset to the division.

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