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**CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA HONORED WITH “ELITE GOLD”  
CERTIFICATION**

*Elite Meetings International selects Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina as one of  
North America’s top properties for group meetings and events*

(Mount Pleasant, SC)—Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is pleased to announce that it has been certified as a Gold hotel by Elite Meetings International (EMI), an innovative company that offers solutions to assist top planners in researching the best properties for meetings and incentives throughout North America.

Elite Gold status is granted by EMI’s Elite Meetings Advisory Board, a distinguished body comprised of meeting professionals and hospitality executives. The board considers the resorts and hotels based on a demonstrated commitment to providing an exceptional group experience. A number of criteria factor into the advisory board’s assessment, including the arrival experience, accommodations, meeting and event facilities, activity options, food and beverage, and most importantly, service.

“Our goal in establishing Elite Gold Certification is to offer a peer-rated resource that supports meeting planners in recognizing properties whose high level of facilities, service and amenities place them among the best hotels nationwide,” said Kelly Foy, CEO of Elite Meetings. “We’re proud to offer Elite Gold Certified status to Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina. Our endorsement reflects our belief in the outstanding standards that visiting groups can expect.”

“Having been chosen to be a part of Elite Meetings is a privilege and testament to the high standards we set to make each guest experience exceptional. To have our hotel be approved by both industry veterans as well as those who do business at our property is a real honor and acknowledgement of our hard work,” says Tracy Mitchell, Director of Sales and Marketing for Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina.

**ABOUT CHARLESTON HARBOR RESORT & MARINA**

Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is located a half nautical mile from downtown Charleston on Patriots Point next to the USS Yorktown Naval Maritime Museum. The resort has over 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space. The resort has a seasonal recreation program, two restaurants, one of the largest marinas in the southeast with 459 slips, complimentary trolley service to downtown Charleston, water taxi service to downtown Charleston, 130 sleeping

rooms, 6 suites, outdoor pool, Jacuzzi and private beach. All of our meeting rooms have recently been updated with fresh paint, new carpet, updated décor and new window treatments. The Look Out Pavilion, the newest addition to the resort was opened in October of 2009 and has 4,900 square feet of meeting and event space. Since opening The Look Out Pavilion and Lawn has been home to events of up to 1,600 guests.

#### **ABOUT ELITE MEETINGS INTERNATIONAL**

Based in Santa Barbara, Elite Meetings International, Inc. (EMI) provides integrated solutions to enhance the performance of meeting and hospitality professionals. EMI supports this community through a combination of innovative technology, direct sales support, customized marketing programs and face-to-face business-building events. Additionally, [www.EliteMeetings.com](http://www.EliteMeetings.com) serves as a commission-free RFP-generating tool and a comprehensive vehicle for sourcing luxury, upper-upscale and upscale properties. EMI's innovations include FaceTime™, a widely used program for helping buyers and sellers – across any industry – identify synergies, manage appointments and make direct connections with one another; and SpeedRFP™ ([www.SpeedRFP.com](http://www.SpeedRFP.com)), a new time-saving product for creating, submitting, and managing RFPs online. For additional information, please visit [www.EliteMeetings.com](http://www.EliteMeetings.com) or call 805-730-1000.