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**ACOM ANNOUNCES RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL
WILLIAM H. JUST CAE, CMP MEMORIAL AWARD**

*Amanda Tess Bonvechio Recognized for Her Dedication and Commitment to
Convention Services*

PRINCETON JUNCTION, NJ – November 17, 2009 – The Association for Convention Operations Management (ACOM), an organization dedicated to advancing the practice of convention services management in the meetings industry, has announced ACOM member and Convention Services and Housing Manager at Positively Cleveland, Amanda Tess Bonvechio, as the recipient of the first Annual William H. Just CAE, CMP Memorial Award.

The award was established in honor of the late William H. Just CAE, CMP who founded ACOM in 1988 and also played a key role in the establishment of the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) program. ACOM members who received their CMP certification within the last three years and remained in good standing with the association were eligible for the award. A panel of ACOM members selected applicants based on their essay which discussed how the CMP designation has been beneficial to them, why they decided to receive this certification and details on their industry and community involvement.

As the winner of the award, Bonvechio will receive a complimentary registration to ACOM's Annual Conference on January 8-10, 2010 at the Westin City Center in Dallas, Texas, which will help support her CMP status. Bonvechio stood out among the competition through her drive and enthusiasm to spread the word about ACOM.

“Amanda’s passion for the meetings industry as well as her dedication and commitment in earning her CMP certification make her an ideal recipient for this award,” said Lyan Tassler, President of ACOM. “Her determination to achieve excellence will help inspire others to reach their goals.”

ACOM will honor Bonvechio during the Conference at the Saturday luncheon on January 9th. As many convention services managers (CSMs) face budget cutbacks and other effects of the economic recession, this year’s Conference will feature general sessions that will help attendees learn how they can maintain good service despite industry changes as well as hear from meeting planners on how CSMs can help them effectively execute successful meetings and overcome challenges.

For more information on ACOM and its 2010 Annual Conference, contact Lynn McCullough at (609) 799-3712 or e-mail info@acomonline.org.

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About ACOM

The Association for Convention Operations Management (ACOM) celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2008 and is dedicated to advancing the practice of convention services management in the meetings industry, and to preparing Convention Service Management professionals for their critical role in the growth and success of their organizations. ACOM members hold many positions in convention and visitors bureaus, convention centers, conference centers, hotels and resorts including: convention services managers, housing managers, operations managers, event service coordinators, directors of convention/tradeshows, catering managers and directors, facility managers, attraction/entertainment facilities, audio visual companies and decorator management companies. For more information, visit www.acomonline.org.