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(Atlantic City, NJ, May 23, 2008) – The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority awarded two employees of Tropicana Casino and Resort in recognition of their outstanding hospitality and service.

Eglee Santiago, Public Areas and Craven Turner, Food and Beverage, was honored for their service as Best Public Area Personnel and Best Food Production Personnel. Eglee has been with the company for 22 years and continues to demonstrate a Positive Attitude and Superior Service “even on the busiest of days you can count on her to always hit the mark”. “She is amazing”. Craven has been with the company for 5 years, on a two way tie Craven was recognized for great Initiative, Positive Attitude and Teamwork. Craven is a “well organized individual who takes it upon himself to prioritize his work day, all to facilitate that the customer is satisfied”.

Eglee Santiago and Craven Turner were two among 25 individuals in the hospitality field honored at the annual gala. The winners were chosen from more than 300 nominees by a selection committee consisting of management representatives from area hotels, restaurants, casinos and other hospitality organizations in the Atlantic City area. Winners were nominated for their enthusiasm, exemplary customer service and their ability to enhance the overall experience of the visitors they serve.

“All of the Host Award nominees are important because they make Atlantic City feel like a home away from home for the 33 million visitors to our city each year,” said Jeffrey Vasser, executive director of the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority. “They are a major reason why people return again and again.”

Each Host Award-winner received a prize package consisting of a \$200 gift card, an Atlantic City decanter, and a commemorative lighthouse lapel pin to wear proudly as a beacon of hospitality.

It's the 11th year for the Atlantic City Host Awards, which took place in the Adrian Phillips Ballroom at Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall, and featured a cocktail reception and dinner prior to the awards ceremony. The annual event is sponsored by the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority and the ACCVA Foundation to salute and encourage excellent customer service.

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The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority serves as the destination's principal marketing arm, stimulating economic growth through convention, business and leisure tourism development. The Authority oversees the management of the Atlantic City Convention Center and Boardwalk Hall on behalf of its parent agency, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. The Authority is the first in New Jersey to achieve Destination Marketing Accreditation by the Destination Marketing Association International. The Authority is among an elite group of 47 accredited convention and visitor bureaus throughout the United States. For complete Atlantic City information, visit www.atlanticcitynj.com.