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***ACCENT on Arrangements, a DMC Network Company  
Wins WBE Supplier of the Year Award***

**New Orleans, Louisiana (April 15, 2011)** - ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc, a DMC Network Company was awarded the Women's Business Enterprise Supplier of the Year at the Annual WBEC South Women's Business Opportunity Expo Luncheon held Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside. This award recognizes a Women's Business Enterprise that has demonstrated consistent quality, competitiveness and reliability. The criteria to be the WBE Supplier of the Year included being a company that has superb customer service and proactive initiatives to address customer needs as well as good business skills – growth, financial stability, innovation and management. Doing business with other WBE's and contributing to the mentoring and growth of other WBE's was also a key element in the decision making process. ACCENT demonstrated all of these qualities in their award submission.

Diane Lyons, President of ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc. said, "It is a privilege and an honor to receive this recognition for our work with WBEC South. WBEC South has introduced me to so many amazing women business owners. It has given ACCENT the wonderful opportunity to establish and build relationships with corporations and to collaborate with them to create unique diversity programs as well as support their internal and external meeting services with diversity suppliers".

In her 30-year career as a special event professional, Lyons has earned her Certified Meeting Planner (CMP) and Destination Management Certified Professional (DMCP) designations, and has led one of the most respected destination management companies in the New Orleans area. Diane is a "giver" as she freely gives her time and lessons learned in business to help her WBE supplier partners. Lyons works with other WBEs and encourages them by guiding them when it comes to work/life balance and networking. ACCENT on Arrangements has been a certified Women's Business Enterprise since 2007.

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**About ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc., a DMC Network Company:**

Founded in 1991 by Diane B. Lyons, ACCENT on Arrangements, Inc. is a privately held corporation with the primary interest of planning, managing and supervising group activities to include spouse/guest programs, team building activities, special events, entertainment and décor, transportation services, speaker programs, hospitality staff and VIP services as well as children's programs and events. Headquartered in New Orleans, ACCENT has a management team with more than 90 years of combined destination management experience. It is a proud member of the DMC Network, an LLC of the top-performing, wholly owned DMCs through North America.

**About WBENC:**

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), founded in 1997, is the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned controlled, and operated by women in the United States. WBENC, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit, partners with 14 Regional Partner Organizations to provide its national standard of certification to women-owned businesses throughout the country. WBENC is also the nation's leading advocate of women-owned businesses as suppliers to America's corporations.

**About WBEC South:**

Women's Business Enterprise Council South is an organization for women business owners interested in promoting, developing and maintaining business relationships with other women business owners, major corporations and governmental agencies. WBEC South is a non-profit organization with a mission to certify bona fide women-owned businesses and to promote the activities directed at the development, establishment, expansion and encouragement of businesses owned by women. WBEC South is a certifying partner organization in the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Through the Council's partnership with WBENC, its WBE certification process is a nationally recognized and accepted certification. WBE certification is required by numerous private-sector companies and governmental agencies.