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***Meetings West* Wins FOLIO: Eddies Award**

NEW YORK, Oct. 28, 2003—*Meetings West* magazine, an award-winning trade magazine covering the meeting planning industry, was a Silver Winner for Outstanding Editorial Work at *FOLIO*: magazine's Editorial Excellence Awards 2003 ceremony in New York.

Meetings West won the Eddie (formerly known as the Editorial Excellence Award) in the Business to Business-Travel category for its November 2002 issue. Eddies awards are given to North American business, consumer and association magazines, as well as online publications, that present an exemplary editorial product.

"Receiving this recognition from the *FOLIO*: judges, who represent the best and brightest of the magazine industry, is a tremendous honor," said Peter S. Stamats, president of *Meetings West*, as well as its sister publications, *Meetings South* and *Meetings East*. "Taking our place alongside the heavy hitters of the industry in terms of in-depth editorial coverage and state-of-the-art design is the true measure of integrity, relevance and success."

The San Francisco-based magazine, which reports on meetings industry issues and provides destination coverage of the western U.S. and Canada, and Mexico, also recently won the prestigious Western Publications Association Maggie Award for the second year in a row, this time winning the 2003 Maggie in the Most Improved Publication/Trade (Circulation under 50,000) category for its November 2002 issue. In 2002, the magazine took home a Maggie for best Tabloid/Trade (Circulation under 50,000) for its December/January 2001-2002 issue.

The WPA's Maggie Awards are given to leading consumer and trade magazines that are published west of the Mississippi River.

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