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Bay Area Houston Hotels Make Headlines for Value and Quality

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TX – April 19, 2011 – Now is the time when many are planning their summer vacations. As with most families, the decision comes down to locating a prime destination that offers affordable fun. Bay Area Houston, as shown in recent news, tops the list for both quality and value.

Each year, *Budget Travel* magazine analyzes a year's worth of news, trends and statistics to identify the world's best value destinations. In 2011, only two locations within the United States made the cut: Houston and the Gulf Coast. "We are thrilled that this astute publication recognizes the incredible value and affordability of our area," said Pam Summers, President of [Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) (BAHCVB). "As I drive to our visitors center each day, passing by Galveston Bay and shimmering Clear Lake, I'm reminded about our region's beauty and rich offerings."

Bay Area Houston is home to more than fifty full-, select- and focused-service hotels and bed and breakfast locations, many of them with waterfront access perfect for boating, fishing and sunset views. One hotel, Comfort Suites of Seabrook, was recently chosen as the BEST in the category of "Best Hotel" by the Texas Travel Counselors during their eleven-city tour.

Mike Giangrosso, former chairman of BAHCVB and the hotel's general manager at the time of award, will be traveling to Arlington, Texas later this month to accept the honor. "I am a consummate fan of Bay Area Houston," said Giangrosso. "Its warm community charm, tranquil environment and southern hospitality make it a great place to live and visit."

While enjoying an affordable vacation in Bay Area Houston, families can take advantage of many fun-filled attractions and interesting venues. "Ride a wooden rollercoaster or pet a stingray at the Kemah Boardwalk; meet an astronaut or touch a moon rock at Space Center Houston; and climb aboard the only remaining battleship that served in both world wars," added Summers. "We also offer nature tours, bird watching, sunset dinner cruises and warm sandy beaches - enough to generate many fond memories of our happy coast."

To assist in travel planning, contact the staff at BAHCVB at 281.474.9700 or visit the website at www.visitbayareahouston.com. The team provides complementary services to help with lodging needs, discount tickets to area attractions, shopping and dining information as well as maps, brochures and visitor tips.

About the Bay Area Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Bay Area Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau (BAHCVB) is the destination marketing management organization for the region surrounding Clear Lake and Galveston Bay. Launched in 2001, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization seeks to actively increase awareness of the region as a premier tourism destination for leisure, meetings and business. For more information on leisure destinations and/or meeting accommodations in Bay Area Houston, call 281.474.9700 or visit www.visitbayareahouston.com.

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