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Davenport, IA – <u>Hotel Blackhawk</u> has been named a 2012 <u>Smart Meetings</u> Platinum Choice Award winner. This is the second consecutive year it has received the recognition which was given to only 125 hotels nationwide.

The awards, in their ninth year, are presented by *Smart Meetings* magazine, the hospitality industry's premier resource for meeting professionals.

Results are decided during a two-month vote by readers with additional input from editors and industry experts. The awards recognize excellence in service and amenities among meeting facilities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

"This year's winners exceeded expectations and exemplified positive, professional standards that reflect a true commitment to the meetings industry," said Marin Bright, founder and publisher of *Smart Meetings*. "We want to reward industry leaders, innovators and top service providers that make a real difference for planners and attendees."

"We are very excited to win this prestigious award from <u>Smart Meetings</u> two years in a row," said Tim Heim, General Manager of

Hotel Blackhawk

. "Being one of just 125 nationally with this recognition again shines the spotlight on our stated goal to make the

City of Davenport, Iowa

and the

Quad Cities

a destination."

Hotel Blackhawk re-opened December 15th, 2010. The hotel retains its 96-year-old historic character while featuring modern conveniences throughout the 130 guestrooms and extended-stay suites, six meeting rooms and up to 300-person banquet capacity in the signature Gold Room.

Other features include wireless internet, a fitness center, business center, swimming pool, hot tub, Spa Luce (lu-CHAY), Milan Flower Shop, the Bix Bistro restaurant, the Beignet (been-YAY) Done That coffee shop and Blackhawk Bowl & Martini Lounge. The hotel is part of the Summit Hotels & Resorts group (www.summithotels.com) and the Historic Hotels of America network (www.summithotels.com) and the Historic Hotels of America network (

