



Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau Receives Meeting Planners' Choice Award

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The Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau (OCVB) has been awarded the prestigious 2009 Planners' Choice Award by MeetingNews Magazine. The award honors excellence in the meeting industry and the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau was chosen as one of the best bureaus of the year.

"This award showcases Omaha as a reputable convention destination and is a tribute to our national sales, service and marketing efforts," said Dana Markel, Executive Director of the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The fact that the votes came from decision makers who can bring business to our city is a wonderful acknowledgment of the OCVB's work."

More than 40,000 meeting and convention planners were asked to vote for their preferred organization based on quality of service and expertise. From a total of 141 nominees in the Convention and Visitor Bureau category, the OCVB was one of only 34 selected for the award which included both domestic and international Convention and Visitor Bureaus.

The Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau will be recognized in the December 21, 2009 issue of MeetingNews Magazine which has a national circulation of approximately 40,000.

Also attached please find a complete list of Planners' Choice Award winners provided by MeetingNews Magazine.

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2009 Planners' Choice Award Winners - CVB Category (Provided by MeetingsNews Magazine)

East	Atlantic City CVA, Atlantic City
East	Greater Boston CVB, Boston
East	Greater Hartford CVB, Hartford
International	Banff/Lake Louise Tourism, Banff
International	Italian State Tourist Board, Rome
International	Quebec City And Area Tourism And Convention Bureau, Quebec C
International	Toronto CVA, Toronto
International	US Virgin Islands Dept Of Tourism, St Thomas
International	Visit Britain
Mid America	Bloomington CVB, Bloomington
Mid America	Chicago Convention And Tourism Bureau, Inc., Chicago
Mid America	Detroit Metro CVB, Detroit
Mid America	Illinois Bureau of Tourism, Chicago
Mid America	Indianapolis CVA, Indianapolis
Mid America	KANSAS CITY CONVENTION & VISITORS ASSOCIATION, MO
Mid America	Omaha CVB, Omaha
Mid America	Rosemont Convention Bureau, Rosemont
Mid America	The Greater Minneapolis CVA, Minneapolis
Mid America	Visit Milwaukee, Milwaukee
South	Baton Rouge Area CVB, Baton Rouge
South	Greater Fort Lauderdale CVB, Ft. Lauderdale
South	Greater Miami CVB, Miami
South	New Orleans CVB, New Orleans
South	Orlando/Orange County CVB Inc., Orlando
South	Palm Beach County CVB, West Palm Beach
West	Denver Metro CVB, Denver
West	Greater Phoenix CVB, Phoenix
West	Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, Honolulu
West	Las Vegas CVA, Las Vegas
West	Long Beach CVB
West	Maui Visitors Bureau, Wailuku
West	Pasadena CVB, Pasadena
West	San Antonio CVB, San Antonio
West	San Diego CVB, San Diego