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Visit Salt Lake Bestows Annual Tourism Achievement Award Upon SMG and Utah Food Services

Salt Lake City (June 19, 2017) — Visit Salt Lake (VSL) presented its annual “Tourism Achievement Award” to SMG and Utah Food Services during its second quarter board of trustees meeting on June 15, 2017, at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum. The Tourism Achievement Award is VSL’s highest honor presented annually to honor members and community organizations for “outstanding efforts in supporting the mission of VSL and the larger tourism community of Salt Lake County.” Video Here: https://youtu.be/A0xfIbx_BF0

SMG is a worldwide facility management company contracted by Salt Lake County to manage the Salt Palace Convention Center, South Towne Exposition Center and the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Event Center, while Utah Food Services is the exclusive caterer at the Salt Palace Convention Center and South Towne Expo Center.

Both SMG and Utah Food Services are two very deserving members and partners in the convention business, making good on the promises made to meeting professionals and convention clients. Though they are uniquely different in who they are and what they do, SMG and Utah Food Services often work hand-in-hand to ensure incoming conventions and the hundreds of thousands of attendees VSL hosts each year have not only a memorable time during their convention, but a remarkable one as well.

“It gives me great pleasure in congratulating both SMG and Utah Food Services. Often working in concert, they truly represent the best of what Salt Lake has to offer our very important convention clients and attendees,” commented Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams. “Dan Hayes and SMG, and Sully and his team at Utah Food Services continue to innovate and impress our clients, making Salt Lake truly stand apart from our competition.”

“It’s no easy task to accommodate the needs of a group of 10,000, yet Utah Food Services does it with aplomb,” added Scott Beck, VSL president & CEO. “And Dan Hayes and his team at SMG go above and beyond with each of the County venues they manage. We are grateful to both for their professionalism, personalized attention and their over-the-top efforts to please our convention planners and attendees.”

Past recipients of VSL's Tourism Achievement Award include Jack Gallivan; Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.; the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Tom Guinney, John Williams and Tom Seig of Gastronomy; Earl Holding; Kenneth Knight; Rick Davis; Larry H Miller; the Utah Jazz; Salt Lake City Department of Airports; Valter Nassi; Dennis Copyak of LeBus; the Creators of The Utah

Compact; Bishop H. David Burton of the LDS Church; Randy Horiuchi last year; and many other business and community leaders.

About Visit Salt Lake

Visit Salt Lake is a private, non-profit corporation responsible for the promotion of Salt Lake as a vibrant, modern destination brimming with unexpected dining, lodging, nightlife and entertainment options, a destination well suited for convention and leisure travel alike. In partnership with Salt Lake County, Visit Salt Lake's mission is to improve the area economy by attracting and providing support to conventions, leisure travelers and visitors while being a leader in environmental responsibility. For more information on all that Salt Lake has to offer, go to www.VisitSaltLake.com.

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Photo caption (photo attached): Robert “Sully” Sullivan CEO of Utah Food Services (left) and Dan Hayes, Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center General Manager / SMG (right) are presented with the Tourism Appreciation Award from Mary Crafts-Homer VSL’s Board of Trustees’ Chair (Center) during Visit Salt Lake's second quarter board of trustees meeting on June 15, 2017.