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May 25, 2006

Ms. Margene Bahm
World Science Fiction Society
3521 Cherry
Kansas City, MO 64109

Dear Margene.

Thank you for your interest in the Overland Park Convention Center as a possible location for the 2009 Worldcon. I look forward to the possibility of working with you on this event.

After reviewing your events specifications and space needs as outlined by the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau, I have prepared a proposal for your review.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need further information. I can be reached at 913-339-3102 or via e-mail at kbrown@opconventioncenter.com.

Thanks for the opportunity to bid on your business!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Kurt A. Brown
Assistant General Manager / Director of Sales & Marketing



The City of
**Overland
Park**
KANSAS

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April 18, 2006

Ms. Margene Bahm
3521 Cherry
Kansas City, MO 64109

Dear Ms. Bahm:

Greetings! As Mayor of Overland Park, I sincerely hope you will choose our city as the site for the World Con 2009. We would be honored to serve as host for the event, and I offer the city's fullest cooperation.

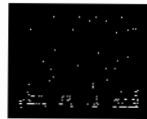
The new Overland Park Convention Center was completed in December 2002 and will be an ideal location for your conference. Our Convention & Visitors Bureau will make every effort to coordinate use of any facilities you need.

The amenities offered in Overland Park and the Kansas City metropolitan area are matchless; I can think of no other place where such a wide variety of restaurants, retail areas, cultural activities and entertainment are available. We will be honored to welcome the members from the World Science Fiction Society.

Sincerely,

Carl Gerlach
Mayor

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OVERLAND PARK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 25, 2006

Ms. Margene Bahm
World Science Fiction Society
3521 Cherry
Kansas City, KS 64109

Dear Ms. Bahm:

On behalf of the Overland Park Business Community, it is a great pleasure to extend an invitation to the World Science Fiction Society for World Con 2009.

You and your organization will find that Overland Park is a dynamic city with the kind of accommodations and amenities to help make your event highly successful. Overland Park has experienced a quality of growth that makes our hotels, restaurants and shopping areas first class and visitor friendly.

Ms. Bahm, we hope you will strongly consider Overland Park for your upcoming World Con 2009. If there is anything the Chamber can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call us at 913-491-3600.

Sincerely,

Tracey Osborne
President



April 25, 2006

Margene Bahm
World Science Fiction Society
3521 Cherry
Kansas City, KS 64109

Dear Ms. Bahm:

The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau is proud to extend to you the invitation to hold the World Science Fiction Society World Con 2009 in Overland Park, Kansas on August 30 – September 9, 2009. We would be honored to host you and your event in our city.

Overland Park – *The Natural Choice* – is a unique blend of metropolitan amenities and suburban hospitality packaged in a fresh, contemporary setting right in the heart of country. In addition to our first-class Convention Center and 32 fine hotels, our city offers an abundance of excellent restaurants, shopping, theatres, golf courses, hike/bike trails and attractions.

Our most popular attractions include: The award-winning New Theatre Restaurant, the Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, historic downtown Overland Park, Johnson County Community College's Carlsen Center featuring performing arts, and fine shopping at stores such as Nordstrom. In addition, Overland Park is minutes from the Kansas Speedway, Cabela's, the Arabia Steamboat Museum, the Liberty Memorial Monument & Museum, the Truman Library & Museum, Union Station/Science City, the Country Club Plaza, jazz on historic 18th & Vine, riverboat casinos, comedy clubs, professional sporting events and numerous other attractions. You can view virtual tours and maneuver a live Overland Park web cam at www.360op.com.

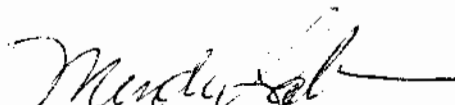
The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau offers a variety of services including complimentary Visitor Guides, area maps and brochures from area attractions. The Convention Services Department offers valuable information and resources to make your meeting a success including the creation of customized maps for your attendees. Local dignitaries are available to deliver a welcome address to your group and ambassadors can assist during registration. Plus our in-house News Bureau will assist you with media relations for your event.

Please review the enclosed information and take time to visit the OPCVB's web site at www.opcvb.org. We hope you make *The Natural Choice* and select Overland Park to host your convention. We welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,



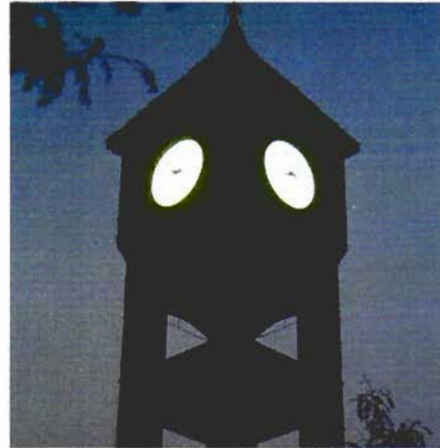
Gerald L. Cook, Ed.D.
President



Mindy Lallier
Sales Manager



Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill



Downtown Overland Park Clock Tower



Sprint Towers



Farmer's Market

Overland Park, Kansas

the natural choice for visitors

Welcome to Overland Park-

The Natural Choice for visitors. The host of more than 2.4 million visitors a year, Overland Park is a unique blend of metropolitan amenities and suburban hospitality packaged in a fresh, contemporary setting. Located less than 15 minutes from Kansas City, Overland Park offers an abundance of attractions, including more than 250 restaurants, great shopping, theatres and nearly 80 public parks.

Each of Overland Park's 32 fine hotels offers exceptional customer service and is conveniently located near major highways, allowing easy access to the Kansas City metropolitan area. In addition, Overland Park has built its own state-of-the-art \$46.5 million convention center and adjacent full-service hotel. Overland Park's attractions range from a sophisticated live dinner theatre and upscale shopping to an extensive park system,

gardens and golf courses. Overland Park also offers close access to all the Kansas City metro area attractions. The Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a variety of complimentary services to help make your stay in our city enjoyable and memorable. We look forward to seeing you and are confident you will want to make a return visit to Overland Park – *The Natural Choice*

all ABOUT OVERLAND PARK

Overland Park is the **2**nd largest City in the state of Kansas.

The community included many parks...thus the name Overland PARK

William B. Strang Jr.

* founded Overland Park

* developed a Missouri-Kansas Interurban Railroad along the original Overland Trails



Overland Park
incorporated
in
1960

that's
a fact!

General information

Overland Park population	166,750
Johnson County population	497,767
Average age	36.4 years

weather

Average daily temperature:

January	28 degrees
April	57 degrees
July	81 degrees
October	60 degrees

major employers

Sprint Corporation	13,500 employees
Shawnee Mission School District	3,620 employees
Black & Veatch Engineers	2,250 employees
Blue Valley School District	2,700 employees
Internal Revenue Service	1,800 employees

education

- 3 Nationally-recognized public school districts
- 7 Universities or Colleges
- 2 Vo-Tech/Community Colleges

Miscellaneous

Unemployment Rate	3.9%
Average Household Income	\$96,047
Average Housing Cost	\$211,037
Total Number of Parks	78

*Information gathered from County Economic Research Institute, City of Overland Park and Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. Based upon 2005 figures.

Complimentary Services offered by the Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau

A successful event begins with detailed plans and arrangements. The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau provides many resources and complimentary services to help minimize your research, reduce your costs and save you valuable time.

ASSISTANCE LOCATING APPROPRIATE HOTEL & MEETING FACILITIES

Tired of playing phone tag? Let the Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau find the perfect location for your event – free of charge. We will check availability at Overland Park hotels/motels and alternative meeting facilities; organize proposals and arrange a site visit to familiarize you with the many accommodations, attractions and activities Overland Park has to offer. Bureau representatives can also provide presentations and bid books about Overland Park.

PROMOTIONAL & INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau has many items to help familiarize both you and your attendees with our city.

Promotional materials include:

- Overland Park maps personalized to your group or meeting
- Overland Park informational brochures
- Visitors Guide
- Plastic bags for registration materials
- Schedules of Kansas City's professional athletic teams

ONLINE RFP

Meeting planners have the capability of submitting an electronic request for proposal on our web site at www.opcvb.org.

PUBLICITY

The Bureau has a marketing communications & public relations department to assist you in publicizing your convention, meeting or special event. The CVB also has its own News Bureau, which serves as a vehicle for distributing press releases or media advisories before your meeting or event.

CONVENTION SERVICES

Registration & Event Assistance

Successful conventions, meetings and special events begin with efficient, courteous and knowledgeable personnel who are well-trained and ready to fulfill your delegates' needs. The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau offers a complimentary ambassador program to assist with those needs. Ambassadors are available to distribute your literature and registration materials and answer questions about the area and local attractions. We request three weeks lead time to secure ambassador volunteers.

Welcome Address

Arrangements may be made through the Convention Services Department for a community dignitary to welcome your group to the area.

Welcome Booth

A tabletop booth is available for display featuring Overland Park attraction brochures, maps and visitor information.

Welcome to Overland Park! Now . . . What's the Scoop?

The Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased your organization is considering Overland Park as the site for your meeting or event. We want to make sure your meeting runs smoothly and that your group's stay in Overland Park is as productive as it is enjoyable. Let us know how we can help.

We also want — if you are so willing — to help spread the word about your meeting and about those who will be attending. The OPCVB operates its own News Bureau, which distributes information about visiting groups and organizations to the news media. A large number of media outlets serve the Kansas City metro area, many which take an interest in visiting organizations such as yours. The Convention & Visitors Bureau News Bureau also will be pleased to provide information about your meeting to news media you consider important, be it a hometown newspaper or an industry trade publication.

If you do select Overland Park as the site of your meeting, you are certainly not obligated to use this service. We fully understand that not all organizations are interested in receiving media attention. Your participation is voluntary.

But if you have a story to tell, the OPCVB News Bureau will be happy to help.

Please contact:

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Vice-president Marketing, Communications & Services
Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau
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Overland Park, KS 66210
Fax: 913-491-0554
E-mail: bbutler@opcvb.org
Phone: 913-491-0123/800-262-PARK

Thanks again for considering Overland Park – the Natural Choice
– for your upcoming meeting.



Especially Prepared
For
World Science Fiction Society
2009 Worldcon
Proposal
September 1 – 9, 2009

DAY	DATE	START	END	ROOM	SETUP	AGR
Tues	9/1/09	7:00 AM	24 hr hold	Exhibition Hall	TBD	TBD
Wed	9/2/09	7:00 AM	24 hr hold	Exhibition Hall	TBD	TBD
Thurs	9/3/09	7:00 AM	24 hr hold	Exhibition Hall	TBD	TBD
Fri - Mon	9/4/09 – 9/7/09	7:00 AM	24 hr hold	Entire Convention Center	TBD	TBD

Meeting Room Rental

Based on the space requirements outlined above, the room rental fee of \$134,000 will be reduced to \$60,000. Rental fees will be reduced by \$1.00 for every \$3.00 spent in catered events. Maximum rental reduction will be \$30,000.

Please note that the Overland Park convention center offers a large range of services that include:

- Audio-visual (non-exclusive), telecommunications and data access (exclusive)
- Full service on site catering (exclusive)
- Decorator services (non-exclusive)
- Security services (exclusive)
- Cyber Café

Security hourly rates will be at prevailing market rates at the time of the event.

Overland Park Convention Center

Finally, there's a high-quality, high-service, high-tech center for trade shows, conventions, training sessions, corporate meetings and social events alike. It's the brand-new Overland Park Convention Center and it will open your eyes to new possibilities in successful meetings and events.

"This facility provides a new option for groups seeking the right fit for their size of meeting or convention," comments Jerry Cook, president of the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Our geographical location, infrastructure, accessibility, proximity of an excellent inventory of hotel rooms, at-ease parking, and high quality personal service positions the Overland Park Convention Center as a natural choice for our guests."

The \$46.5-million, full-service convention center is the realization of a dream that began two decades ago when city officials first proposed the idea of building a first-class facility in the suburbs of Kansas City. The center opened its doors in November 2002, offering 237,000 square feet of meeting, exhibition, banquet, pre-function, and service space. A football-field size outdoor courtyard connects a 20-story, 412-room Sheraton Hotel to the Convention Center offering over 20,000 square feet of additional event space.

The convention center sits on a 26-acre site at the corner of College Boulevard and Lamar Avenue in the heart of Overland Park, the largest suburban city in the Kansas City metro area. It features a 60,000-square-foot exhibition hall, a 25,000-square-foot ballroom, 15,000 square feet of meeting space, and 44,000 square feet of registration and pre-function space. A movable soundproof wall separates the ballroom and exhibition hall with a service corridor between the two rooms. When the walls are removed, nearly 90,000 square feet of exhibition space are available to meeting and convention groups.

The design of the two-story convention center includes a dramatic nine-story glass tower, which is illuminated at night and serves as the signature architectural feature of the new facility. Other features inside the center include extremely wide corridors, ample natural light, and over 130 pieces of attractive artwork from regional artists.

The center features state-of-the-art technology with high-speed Internet access and outlets for audio-visual connections and multimedia presentations in the meeting rooms and exhibition hall. A complete in-house food service operation is available. Parking is complimentary and includes 957 spaces with 225 covered.

Overland Park Convention Center

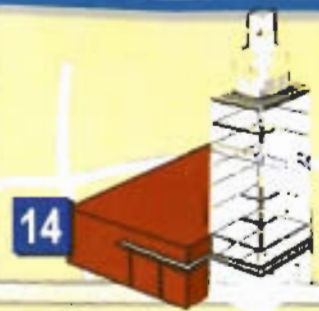




Overland Park Hotels	
Hotel	
1	AmenSuites Convention Center (1.17 miles)
2	AmenSuites Metcalf (1 mile)
3	Chase Suite Hotel by Woodlin (.36 mile)
4	Courtyard at the OC (Next to CC)
5	Courtyard by Marriott Overland Park (1 mile)
6	Drury Inn & Suites (.92 mile)
7	Embassy Suites (1.3 miles)
8	Hampton Inn (1.3 miles)
9	Hilton Garden Inn & Suites (Next to CC)
10	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites-OC (.5 mile)
11	Homewood Suites (1.5 miles)
12	Marriott Hotel (1.2 miles)
13	Pear Tree Inn (.82 mile)
14	Sheraton (Next to CC)
15	Wyndham Garden Hotel (1.26 miles)



DICK CLARK'S AMERICAN BANDSTAND



OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER

overland park

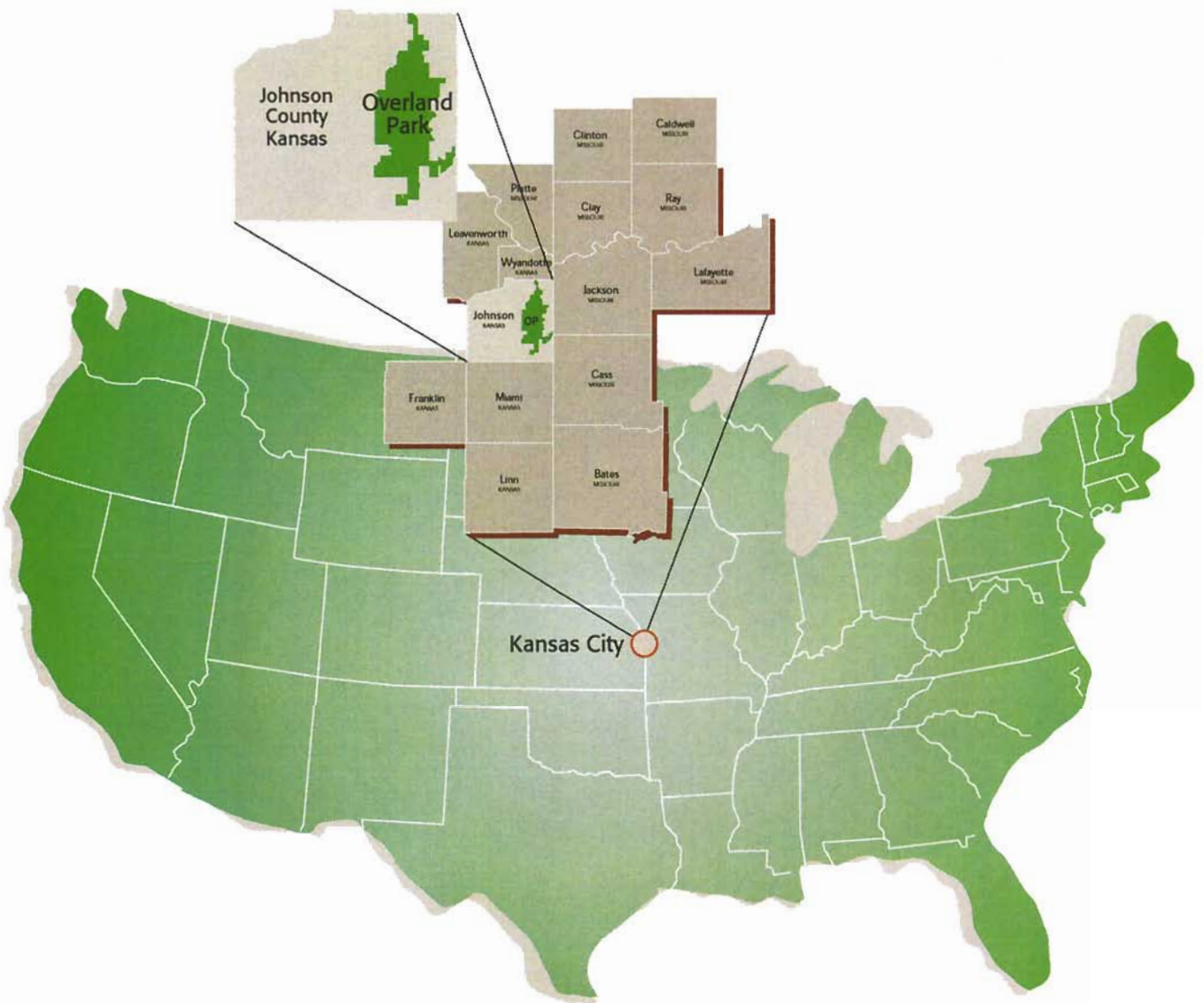
convention & visitors bureau

The Natural Choice™



Transportation/Geographics

Overland Park sits approximately 1,900 miles from each coast and is the most geographically centered metro in the nation.



Land

Overland Park is served by one of the best freeway networks in the country, helping to keep commute times short.

Overland Park's access to the region's freeway system is unsurpassed with four major freeways, I-35, I-435, I-635 and US 69 passing through the city. No location in Overland Park is more than 3 1/2 miles from a freeway.

Air

Air travelers will find Overland Park to be well served. KCI (Kansas City International) is only 25 miles north of Overland Park and is easily accessible via either of two alternate freeway routes.

Overland Park is also directly served by Johnson County Executive Airport which provides complete services for private business jet operators as well as for general aviation.

In addition, New Century AirCenter just 12 miles southwest of the city also provides general aviation services and can accommodate cargo or passenger jets of any size.

You can get there from here. Non-stop.

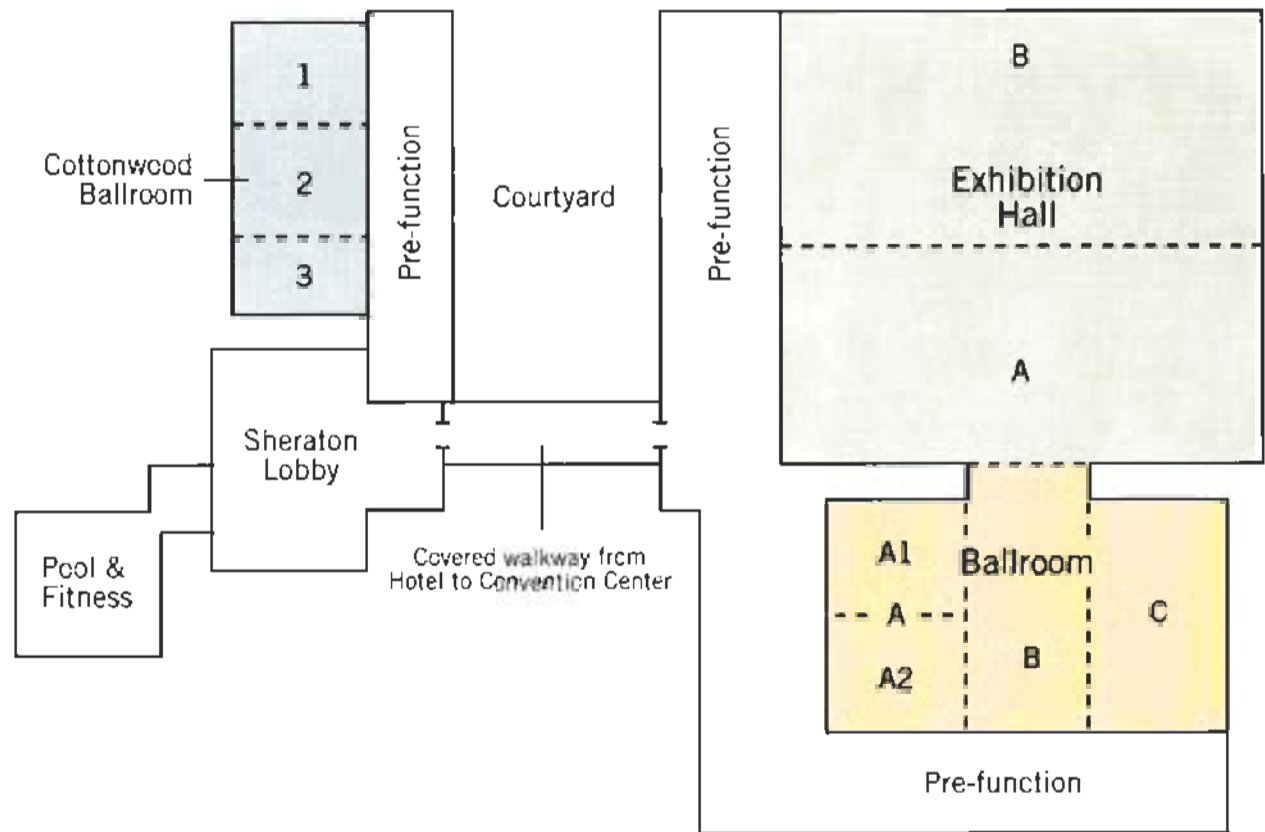


Fly non-stop from KCI to the following cities:

Albuquerque	Detroit	Manhattan, KS	Orange County	San Francisco
Atlanta	Dodge City, KS	Memphis	Orlando	Seattle
Baltimore	Ft. Lauderdale	Milwaukee	Philadelphia	St. Louis
Cancun, Mexico	Great Bend, KS	Minneapolis	Phoenix	Tampa
Charlotte	Hays, KS	Nashville	Portland	Toronto, Canada
Chicago	Houston	New Orleans	Providence	Tulsa
Cincinnati	Indianapolis	New York	Sacramento	Washington, D.C.
Cleveland	Las Vegas	Oakland	Salt Lake City	
Dallas/Ft. Worth	Little Rock	Oklahoma City	San Antonio	
Denver	Los Angeles	Omaha	San Diego	

	Room	Square Feet	Dimensions	Theater	Classroom	Banquet	Reception	Conference/U-Shape	10x10 Booths	
Convention Center	MAIN LEVEL									
	Exhibition Hall	58,494	240'x240'x30'	6,400	4,000	3,780	5,600	—	288	
	B	29,464	120'x240'x30'	3,200	2,000	1,890	2,800	—	144	
	A	29,030	120'x240'x30'	3,200	2,000	1,890	2,800	—	144	
	Ballroom	24,991	110'x210'x28'	2,700	1,800	1,400	2,100	—	115	
	A1	4,232	56'x76'x28'	400	253	240	360	—	20	
	A2	4,250	56'x76'x28'	400	253	240	360	—	21	
	A	8,482	110'x76'x28'	840	608	480	720	—	41	
	B	7,830	110'x66'x28'	725	504	420	630	—	36	
	C	8,679	110'x76'x28'	840	576	490	730	—	41	
	LOWER LEVEL									
	Meeting Room 1	3,093	60'x50'x16'	250	168	160	240	88	—	
	Meeting Room 2	1,858	60'x30'x16'	150	96	80	120	53	—	
	Meeting Room 3	1,810	60'x29'x16'	140	96	80	120	53	—	
Meeting Room 1,2&3	6,761	60'x109'x16'	550	368	400	600	—	—		
Meeting Room 4	1,810	60'x29'x16'	140	96	80	120	53	—		
Meeting Room 5	1,858	60'x29'x16'	140	96	80	120	53	—		
Meeting Room 6	1,858	60'x30'x16'	150	96	80	120	53	—		
Meeting Room 7	1,828	60'x29'x16'	140	96	80	120	53	—		
Meeting Room 4,5,6&7	7,354	60'x119'x16'	600	400	430	650	—	—		
Sheraton Hotel	MAIN LEVEL									
	Cottonwood Ballroom	10,800	155'7"x69'5"x24'	1,365	841	825	1,201	—	—	
	Cottonwood 1	2,805	69'5"x40'5"x24'	280	187	192	313	60	—	
	Cottonwood 2	4,165	69'5"x60'x24'	420	275	288	463	60	—	
	Cottonwood 3	3,829	69'5"x55'2"x24'	378	253	264	425	60	—	
	Pre-function	4,144	—	—	—	—	460	—	—	
	LOWER LEVEL									
	Maple Room	1,390	48'6"x28'8"x15'	126	72	88	155	46	—	
	Leatherwood Ballroom	5,559	89'5"x62'2"x15'	620	390	392	617	—	—	
	Leatherwood 1	1,849	62'2"x29'9"x15'	180	108	138	205	60	—	
	Leatherwood 2	1,865	62'2"x30'x15'	180	108	144	207	60	—	
	Leatherwood 3	1,844	62'2"x29'8"x15'	180	108	138	205	60	—	
	Pre-function	3,321	—	—	—	—	370	—	—	
	Hawthorne Room 1	860	30'x28'8"x12'	54	36	66	96	29	—	
	Hawthorne Room 2	860	30'x28'8"x12'	54	36	66	96	29	—	
	Hawthorne Room 1&2	1,720	57'4"x30'x12'	165	96	120	191	57	—	
	Linden Room	551	29'1"x19'x11'	50	24	30	50	25	—	
Redbud Room	638	29'x22'x11'	—	—	—	—	22	—		
Juniper Room	493	29'x17'x11'	50	24	30	50	25	—		

Main Level



Lower Level

