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SAVOR...CHICAGO WINS 28TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARD



Kevin Jezewski, SAVOR...Chicago's Director of Sustainability and Special Projects; and Connie Chambers, SAVOR...Chicago's General Manager, accept the Governor's Sustainability Award

[CHICAGO, October 24, 2014] SAVOR...Chicago and its team at McCormick Place, the largest exhibition and meeting facility in North America, are pleased to announce their recent honor, the Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award (Governor's Award). The recognition from the Office of the Governor recognizes the organization in Illinois that demonstrates a commitment to economy, society and the environment through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices.

The award from the Governor of Illinois commended SAVOR's green practices, "Your organization's commendable green practices serve as a model of environmental stewardship for residents, businesses and institutions throughout our state. Implementing energy efficiency upgrades, fuel savings, pollution and waste reductions, and other sustainability improvements requires vision, strong leadership, and the dedication of individuals throughout an organization."

"SAVOR...Chicago has a commitment to both sustainability and to innovation," said Connie Chambers, general manager, SAVOR...Chicago. "We are doing it because it is the right thing to do. We want our guests to know that we have put thought into their meal and with care for the environment. With recognition like the Governor's Award and our Green Seal Certification we know we are moving the right direction and we will continue to make an impact for each guest."

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) presented the Governor's Award at an award ceremony on October 23, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago following a Technical Symposium.



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To learn more about SAVOR...Chicago's sustainability program visit www.savorchicagomcpl.com or watch a sustainability video at <http://youtu.be/RP2mpWjLQRw>.

Chicago's McCormick Place

McCormick Place, the largest exhibition and meeting facility in North America, is comprised of four state-of-the-art buildings, the North, South and West Buildings, the Lakeside Center, and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place hotel. Combined, McCormick Place offers 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space, 173 meeting rooms, the 4,249-seat Arie Crown Theater and one of the largest ballrooms in the world.

Located on Chicago's lakefront just minutes from downtown, McCormick Place is owned by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority and managed by SMG, a worldwide convention facility management company. For more information, please visit www.mccormickplace.com or on facebook.com/mccormickplace and twitter.com/mccormick_place.

SAVOR

SAVOR, a leader in convention center catering, concessions and special events, took over McCormick Place foodservice operations September 28, 2011. SAVOR is part of SMG, the largest public facilities management company in the world including McCormick Place as of August 1, 2011. In 2010, 17 convention centers where SAVOR provides food and beverage service won prestigious Prime Site Awards from *Facilities & Destinations*.

SAVOR is an industry leader in introducing green standards and programs to public facilities. As the food and beverage provider to facilities with some of the most stringent environmental policies in the world, we have researched the matter extensively and work closely with community and facility managers to develop environmentally friendly operations focused on minimizing carbon footprint by purchasing locally produced, sustainably raised product, using non-petroleum-based packaging and recycling or composting waste whenever possible. www.savorchicagomcpl.com

SMG

Since 1977, SMG has provided management services to more than 220 public assembly facilities worldwide, including arenas, stadiums, theatres and performing arts centers, equestrian facilities, convention, congress and exhibition centers, science centers and a variety of other venues. Across the globe, SMG manages more than 14 million square feet of exhibition space and more than 1.75 million arena and theatre seats. As the recognized global industry leader, SMG provides venue management, sales, marketing, event booking and programming, construction and design consulting, and pre-opening services. SMG also offers food and beverage operations through its concessions and catering division of SAVOR, currently serving more than 100 accounts worldwide. www.smgworld.com

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