

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
of
STATE PERSONNEL EXECUTIVES
2024
ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSAL
ILLINOIS



December 9, 2022

Leslie Scott Parker
Executive Director
National Association of State Personnel Executives
2760 Research Park Drive
Lexington, KY 40511

Re: 2024 NASPE Annual Meeting Host Bid

Dear Ms. Parker:

On behalf of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) is excited to seek the opportunity to host the 2024 NASPE Annual Meeting.

The NASPE Annual Meeting has not yet been held in Illinois, and we are grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate our ability to meet the selection criteria and highlight our local, world-renowned attractions. Moreover, CMS has been working to transform our personnel functions and implement a robust Human Capital Management system, so 2024 would serve as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the work here in our state.

Chicago is among the most accessible cities in the world for travelers and tourists, and among the most relaxing possible locations for this event. From enjoying the lakefront, to marveling at world-class architecture, to dining in what was named the "best restaurant city in the country," there are countless ways for guests to revel in the remarkable and diverse culture Chicago has to offer.

We are confident that the 2024 NASPE Annual Meeting held in Chicago would be a resounding success. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to welcome you to Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Pascente". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anthony Pascente
Acting Director



A Global Cultural Center in the Midwest

Framed by stunning Lake Michigan and decorated with inspiring architecture, Chicago is more than just a big-city. Besides its striking downtown area, which includes some of the tallest and architecturally celebrated buildings in the world, Chicago has a distinctive shoreline, hundreds of vibrant parks and 77 unique neighborhoods. Chicago has been named the “Best Big City in the U.S.” by Condé Nast Traveler and “The World’s Best City for Having It All” by Time Out, among other numerous awards.

Chicago’s neighborhoods represent more than 100 countries, and it is through this diversity and profound city culture that we are able to develop the country’s best restaurants, theaters, and museums. With incredible shopping on the Magnificent Mile, world premiere performances in its famed Theater District and one of the country’s most active nightlife scenes, the city is always buzzing. Chicago also features more than 60 museums, five regional Tony-award winning theaters and no matter the season, there is always a professional sports team to cheer to victory.

It is this truly distinctive mix of incredible attractions and cultural allure that makes Chicago one of the friendliest, most livable cities in America.



Center of It All

Situated squarely in the center of the country, getting to and around Chicago – by plane, train or automobile – is easy thanks to two international airports, reliable public transit, and a wealth of accessible travel options.

Two World Class Airports:

Chicago boasts two world-class airports with nearly 3,000 daily inbound and outbound flights, making it one of the most accessible cities in the world. Both airports are close to downtown and are easily accessible with public and private transportation: O'Hare International Airport (17 miles from downtown) and Midway International Airport (15 miles from downtown). Chicago's prime location in the center of the country makes for short domestic flights for out of town guests to join NASPE festivities.

Connected Transportation Network:

Downtown, known as the Loop, serves as the hub of Chicago's vast public transit network that extends to surrounding neighborhoods and suburbs. This network includes downtown's Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and the suburban Metra rail.

"L" Trains:

Eight light-rail "L" lines serve more than 145 stations all over town, including stops at O'Hare and Midway airports.

Buses, Taxis, and Ride-Sharing:

129 bus routes lace the City; buses stop every few blocks and have mounted maps within the cab. Several lines operate 24 hours, and customers can access a trip planning tool and bus tracker app on TransitChicago.com. Taxis are plentiful, easy to hail in downtown and offer a convenient way to get around the City. Ride-sharing app customers can easily find designated pickup and drop-off locations.

Bike Sharing:

Chicago's Divvy bike sharing program is an inexpensive and easy way to get around the City. Thousands of bikes are available at hundreds of stations across the City.

AVERAGE DOMESTIC FLIGHT TIMES



Atlanta	2 hours	718 miles
Dallas	2.5 hours	931 miles
Denver	2.5 hours	1,005 miles
Los Angeles	4 hours	2,016 miles
Minneapolis	1.3 hours	409 miles
New Orleans	2 hours	927 miles
New York	2 hours	791 miles
Orlando	2.5 hours	1,155 miles
Phoenix	3.5 hours	1,754 miles
San Francisco	4.5 hours	2,132 miles
Seattle	4.5 hours	2,064 miles
Washington, D.C.	1.75 hours	700 miles

AVERAGE DRIVE TIMES



Columbus, OH to Chicago, IL	5 hours, 44 minutes	354 miles
Des Moines, IA to Chicago, IL	5 hours, 26 minutes	336 miles
Detroit, MI to Chicago, IL	4 hours, 36 minutes	281 miles
Indianapolis, IN to Chicago, IL	3 hours, 1 minute	181 miles
Kansas City, MO to Chicago, IL	8 hours, 24 minutes	531 miles
Louisville, KY to Chicago, IL	4 hours, 49 minutes	295 miles
Milwaukee, WI to Chicago, IL	1 hour, 50 minutes	96 miles
Minneapolis, MN to Chicago, IL	6 hours, 53 minutes	412 miles
St. Louis, MO to Chicago, IL	4 hours, 53 minutes	296 miles

MEETING VENUES



A historic home at the heart of downtown Chicago ... An icon of downtown Chicago for over 150 years, the **Palmer House** sits at the heart of the Theater District. This timeless Chicago hotel offers historic charm with hip conveniences, comprehensive amenities, award-winning dining and gracious service.

Offering an energetic, urban retreat near Navy Pier, **Hyatt Regency** Chicago features the most hotel rooms and largest selection of meeting space in downtown Chicago. The gateway to the city's top attractions, you can walk to Millennium Park, or shop on Magnificent Mile.



Trendy and trendsetting, **Chicago Marriott** Downtown Magnificent Mile provides chic comfort in a vibrant city-center location. Sample farm-to-table cuisine at either Harvest or Rush Street Bar & Lounge, their on-site restaurants. Relax in beautifully appointed hotel rooms and suites, featuring stylish furnishings, modern amenities and exceptional views of the city and Lake Michigan.



Discover the unexpected at **Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel**. With a prime location in the Chicago Theater District, you're just steps from world-class entertainment, fine dining, boutique shopping and premier cultural institutions. Step up to Raised, their rooftop bar, for magnificent panoramic views of the Chicago River and downtown skyline. With over 40,000 square feet of event space, the hotel provides an ideal downtown Chicago venue and an extraordinary destination for your conference, meeting or group event in the Loop.

The **Hilton Chicago** is a centrally-located luxury hotel in Chicago. The hotel is a Chicago landmark that overlooks Grant Park, Lake Michigan, and the Museum Campus. It is the third-largest hotel in Chicago by number of guest rooms. From its opening in 1927 through 2008, every sitting President of the United States had been housed in the hotel before leaving office.



Embrace the energy of the Windy City and explore the possibilities at **W Chicago - City Center**. Nestled within the downtown district, the hotel is housed in a historic Beaux Arts building; sophisticated Art Deco details combine seamlessly with a very modern sense of style to create an atmosphere that is nothing short of electric. Settle in and stay a while in sumptuous rooms and suites with vibrant design, contemporary technology and ultra-comfortable bedding. Start or end your day with Chicago-inspired dining at Midland Social Club, its modern restaurant, and grab a drink and survey the scene at MSC Bar.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Waterfront



Chicago, formed by more than 18 miles of Lake Michigan, also offers plenty of outdoor activities. The lakefront trail connects you to many of Chicago's most popular parks and beaches such as Grant Park, Jackson Park, Northerly Island, and North Avenue beach. Residents and visitors travel the trail and enjoy the lake waters on one side and the skyline to the other. The award-winning Chicago Riverwalk is a 1.25-mile pedestrian-friendly attraction, allowing visitors to enjoy cafes, public art, and the Chicago Skyline in the heart of downtown.





Museums and Culture

Chicago has a vibrant culture scene with more than 40 museums, including the Art Institute and the Museum Campus along Lake Michigan that is home to the Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, and Field Museum



Theater and Performing Arts

The Chicago Theater District entertained more than 1.7 million people annually in its five theaters prior to COVID-19. Additionally, the Grammy Award-winning Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera of Chicago feature some of the world's best music.

Chicago is also the birthplace of modern improvisational comedy and home to The Second City, a renowned comedy theater. Additionally, the City hosts famous modern and jazz dance troupes including the Joffrey Ballet and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.



OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Millennium Park

Millennium Park is the number one tourist attraction in the Midwest, offering a state-of-the-art collection of architecture, landscape design, and art that provides the backdrop for hundreds of free cultural programs.

Navy Pier

The Navy Pier is another top attraction for culture, dining, and shopping, featuring free public programs throughout the year. Since its reopening in 1995, more than 180 million guests have visited the Pier to experience its firework displays, live music, theater, and daily cruises.



On Site Support

The State of Illinois is an active NASPE member and enjoys participating in the sponsored events to learn from our peers and discuss best practices. Sarah Kerley, our Chief Administrative Officer, and Corey-Anne Gulkewicz, our Deputy Director of Statewide Personnel have attended previous conferences and understand the level of effort and commitment required for a successful event. CMS appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal to host the 2024 annual meeting and we look forward to working with you if we have the honor of being selected. If you have questions on this proposal, feel free to contact Sarah Kerley, CMS' Chief Administrative Officer at Sarah.Kerley@Illinois.gov or 312-718-1317.