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NEW ORLEANS ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

From Conventions and Meetings to Concerts and Parades, this Center Hosts it All

New Orleans, LA – Covering approximately eleven square blocks along the Mississippi River with over three million square feet under its roof, the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center is one of the largest facilities in the world. It has been an integral part of New Orleans since the 80s and regularly hosts international conventions, meetings, concerts and even parades.

The Convention Center was opened in 1985, the year following the World’s Fair in New Orleans. The facility features 140 meeting rooms, 12 exhibit halls, a 4,000 seat conference auditorium and space that can be configured to host any event. There's also a food court with restaurants serving uniquely New Orleans dishes and a décor that never lets visitors forget where they are. With New Orleans consistently ranking as one of the top cities for meetings and conventions, it is no surprise that the Convention Center often ranks as one of the country’s top 10 convention facilities. There are more than 20,000 hotel rooms, fine attractions and restaurants all within a 2.1-mile radius of the facility.

In 2006, following Hurricane Katrina, the Convention Center underwent an extensive renovation and now features updated rooms and meeting spaces, hundreds of large screen monitors, high speed internet access and extensive landscaping. Further renovations in 2008 and 2009 made the facility a marvel of modern technology with I-Cove stations for Internet access, a lightning-fast 10G Internet backbone, digital signage and the latest in audio and video production. Dressed in purple blazers, the seasoned and professional “Fleur de Lis” personnel greet conventioneers in traditional New Orleans style. It’s not uncommon to find a brass band leading a second line parade through the lobby.

The New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center hosts everything from meetings of just a few dozen to large scale conventions with thousands of delegates. In 2010, the Convention Center was honored with an award from the Gulf States Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) for its high standards of leadership.

For more information on the Convention Center, visit www.mccno.com.

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About New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation

The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation promotes the city as a leisure tourism destination throughout the year. Annually, NOTMC’s marketing campaigns include strategic print, broadcast, and Internet advertising and public relations. Web sites: NewOrleansOnline.com; FollowYourNOLA.com; NewOrleansMuseums.com; RadioFreeNeworleans.com. Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and the GoNola.com blog.