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**DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau Named 2009  
Editor's Pick for Top Illinois CVB Outside Chicago**

Oak Brook, IL – The [DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau](http://www.discoverdupage.com) (DuPage CVB) has been chosen as the Editor's Pick for "Best Convention and Visitors Bureau Outside Chicagoland" in *Illinois Meetings + Events* magazine's [2009 Best of the Industry Awards](#).

"With the number of CVBs in this state, it's very special to be singled out by the editor of such a well-regarded publication as *Illinois Meetings + Events*," stated Skip Strittmatter, Executive Director of the DuPage CVB. "We are very honored."

According to Lauren Hurley, the magazine's editor, the annual "Best Of" awards are designed to honor the cream of the crop in the regional meetings and events industry: "We are pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of these organizations and individuals to the meetings and events industry, which plays an important role in Illinois's vitality and economy."

Winners in four Editor's Choice categories and twenty Readers choice categories were announced on February 24th at a gala event in Chicago. "Revealing our 2009 Best of the Industry award winners is always the most exciting moment of our editorial year," according to Laurie Dove of *Illinois Meetings + Events*.

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Several DuPage CVB member businesses were also nominated for “Best of” awards by *Illinois Meetings + Events* readers. Winners include: [Eaglewood Resort & Spa](#), Conference Venue; [Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort](#), Hotel with Meeting and Event Space - Less than 400 Guest Rooms; [Windy City Limousine](#), Transportation; and [Classic Party Rentals](#), Rental Service Provider.

For more information and a high resolution photo of Ms. Strittmatter accepting the award, contact the [DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) at 630.575.8070.

### **About the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau**

Established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987, the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois as the official agency to promote the county’s multi-billion dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as a destination for visitors, conventions and economic development.

### **About DuPage County**

DuPage County is the second most populous county in Illinois after Cook County, which borders it to the north and east. Together, the two counties account for half of the state’s population. One of the nation’s wealthiest counties, DuPage is rich in many types of commerce and is second only to Cook in tourism revenue. With its well-developed highway and mass transit system, DuPage is easily accessible from both O’Hare and Midway Airports, and the City of Chicago.

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