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Fort Smith Convention Center Honored with *ConventionSouth* Annual Readers' Choice Award

FORT SMITH, Ark. (Oct. 24, 2016) — The Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is proud to announce that the publishers and editors of *ConventionSouth* – the national multimedia resource for planning events in the South – have presented the CVB and Fort Smith Convention Center with a 2016 Readers' Choice Award.

“*ConventionSouth* readers and fans have voted to decide the best meeting sites in the South, and it is no surprise to us that Fort Smith Convention Center has been selected to receive our annual Readers' Choice Award,” said *ConventionSouth* Publisher J. Talty O'Connor. “The value in receiving this prestigious recognition is that it comes from the United States' top meeting professionals who hold events in the South. These planners demand the highest level of customer service and quality facilities, and they have contributed in determining that Fort Smith Convention Center indeed displays the commitment to professionalism, creativity and service that they require.”

Potential recipients included any and all nominated convention and visitors bureaus (CVBs), meeting facilities and hotels located across the entire United States South. The Fort Smith Convention Center is one of just 8 Arkansas recipients.

This is the first time that the Fort Smith Convention Center has received the award since it was created in 2001, making this an even greater honor. It also serves as a positive indicator of the continued growth and success of Fort Smith's tourism and hospitality industry.

The Fort Smith Convention Center will be featured as an award recipient in the December 2016 Awards Issue of *ConventionSouth* magazine. This issue will also showcase peer advice and trade secrets in the, "Meeting Professionals to Watch in 2016," designation, making it one of the most popular *ConventionSouth* issues of the year and one of the most valuable resources within the meetings industry.

The Fort Smith Convention Center is owned by the City of Fort Smith and operated through the Advertising & Promotion Commission.

For more information, contact the Fort Smith CVB at (479) 783-8888 or info@fortsmith.org. To view a complete list of award winners, please visit: <http://conventionsouth.com/readers-choice-award-winners-announced-for-2016/>

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