

Site Selection Call Notes, 2/10/10

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1. Proposals have been received from all cities requested except Oklahoma.
2. San Antonio, New Orleans, Charlotte are not in the running due to lack of availability, leaving Las Vegas, Savannah and possibly Oklahoma City.
3. Savannah is high re room costs (\$199) and offering only 10% of rooms at govt. rate in Westin, the HQ hotel offering 350 rooms. Convention Center and Westin are on north side of river, not in downtown. Water taxi would provide transport to other hotels and downtown. We used about 450 hotel rooms in 2009. Airfares to Savannah are medium to high.
4. Las Vegas hotels would be self-contained with sufficient meeting space within the hotels. Tropicana offering best terms, rooms being renovated this year. Airfares and weather are reliably good. City Center development includes a hotel without gambling and is pushing sustainability. Las Vegas might attract more people than it would discourage, might be more attractive than Oklahoma City. Would be important to pick right hotel.
5. Other options we might request proposals from include Albuquerque and Memphis. Elaine to request quick turnaround.
6. Tom to check with Sherry on Las Vegas proposals.