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Re: National Fireworks Association

The State of Missouri and the Missouri Division of Tourism are excited that you chose Springfield to host your Annual Exposition, and we stand ready to help make it a tremendous event.

Springfield, Missouri sits atop a plateau of the largest mountain range in the country - the Ozark Mountains. It is truly a one-of-a-kind city for meetings, conventions and recreation with its unique mix of large city amenities and small town hospitality. Offering nearly 6,000 hotel rooms, Springfield is consistently ranked by the "Corporate Travel Index" as one of the least expensive convention cities in the nation.

With nearly 50 percent of the U.S. population living within a 500-mile radius of Springfield, Missouri's third-largest city, there is easy access via major highways, interstates and the recently-expanded Springfield-Branson National Airport. Among Springfield's finest assets are its beautiful scenery and clean environment, something community leaders are striving to maintain through a variety of green programs and sustainable building projects. With more than 400,000 people in the metro area and millions of tourists each year, Springfield is rich with fabulous entertainment, great attractions and wonderful shopping.

The entire state of Missouri extends a gracious welcome to the National Fireworks Association for the Annual Exposition.

Most sincerely,

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