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The Los Angeles Convention Center Handled Record Breaking Citizenship Ceremonies with Over 30K Total Guests While Simultaneously Hosting our Debut of the Green West Expo and the Society for Information Display Symposium

LOS ANGELES, CA—May 27, 2008—An Estimated 32,000 Angelinos participated in and gave witness to a record breaking 18,000 new citizens taking the oath in three different ceremonies last week on Thursday, May 22 at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC).

“Based on our past experience with the Los Angeles Convention Center and the nationwide citizenship application increase of 350 percent, we were confident that they would be the best venue to smoothly handle a record ceremony. And they proved us right,” said Frank Galvan of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). “Another amazing fact is that only 3 of the over 18,000 ‘citizens to be’ showed up late for the ceremony held in the South Hall,” added Galvan.

While thousands were being sworn in the South Hall, the West Hall of the LACC, saw the culmination of the 5 day Society for Information Display (SID) Conference. This event attracted over 4,500 registered participants who viewed the newest technologies in electronic displays and attended various seminars. And the Inaugural Green West Conference and Expo was taking place at South Hall alongside the CIS ceremony adding to the final eye catching count of over 36,000 total visitors at LACC.

“While we are continuously focused on setting the standards needed for a World Class Facility, it was humbling to realize that our efforts led to this new record. We were truly honored to be the site chosen for these 3 major events on Thursday, and to have the opportunity to provide the support and services necessary to make them all a success,” said Pouria Abbassi, General Manager & CEO at the LACC.

About the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC)

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it’s recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. LACC is enrolled in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power’s (LADWP) Green Power Program (environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy) at a level of 30% of the facilities consumption. The Los Angeles Convention Center is registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a member of the Los Angeles and National Chapter. The Los Angeles Convention Center is currently undergoing a program to obtain its LEED-EB certification. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious industry awards including several Planner’s Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, and recognition for model emergency care programs. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.

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