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Virginia Makes Meetings Easy with New Planning Directory

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RICHMOND, Va. – The Virginia Tourism Corporation is ready to help meeting planners organize successful events with the new *2008-2009 Virginia Meeting Planners' Directory*.

Virginia's meeting spaces offer a myriad of options, environments, locations and amenities. Planners can choose from large convention centers in places such as Richmond, Hampton and Virginia Beach. Smaller meetings can be held at a winery, museum or onboard a historic yacht.

The new Virginia Meeting Planners' Directory gives a region-by-region view of facilities, nearby attractions, lodging, dining and entertainment. A listing of each meeting facility provides a short description, square footage, capacity according to configuration, Web site and contact information.

For the environmentally conscious, the "Virginia Green" initiative promotes environmentally friendly practices in Virginia's hospitality industry. More than 35 "green" lodging and conference facilities are listed in the directory.

For planners seeking something out of the ordinary, the directory also highlights meeting places that offer something different, such as a sprawling hunting reserve, a working cattle ranch and a place in the remote regions of the Appalachian Mountains. More than 35 Virginia wineries maintain meeting facilities, places that encourage ideas to come off the vine.

Meeting planners have to be keenly aware of area amenities and attractions. Quality extracurricular activities for attendees and families are a must. Virginia's directory is tuned to those needs with information on all there is to see and do in the locality, providing that total visitor experience. Virginia's natural beauty, incomparable history and family attractions make it the ultimate meetings destination.

To receive a free *2008-2009 Virginia Meeting Planners' Directory* call 1-800-811-4296 or visit www.Virginia.org/meetings.

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