



# Oncenter Complex

Convention Center • War Memorial • Civic Center Theaters

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## **ONCENTER COMPLEX AGAIN NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 15 CONVENTION CENTERS IN THE NATION**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – The **Oncenter Complex**, a multi-venue exhibition, convention and entertainment facility, received the Inner Circle Award for being one of the Top 15 convention centers in the nation. It is the ninth consecutive year that the Complex has received this honor from *Association Meetings*, a magazine published for association executive directors and meeting planners. The Oncenter was the only convention center in New York State to be chosen for this honor in 2007.

The Inner Circle Awards represent the best of the best within the hospitality industry for association meetings. For each of the past nine years, readers of *Association Meetings* magazine have voted on the awards, which recognize the top-rated convention and visitors' bureaus, tourist boards and convention centers in the country.

"The Oncenter Complex is honored to receive the Inner Circle Award for the ninth consecutive year," said David M. Marnell, Sr., President and CEO at the Oncenter Complex. "We are proud to offer a high level of service, exceptional staff, quality food and beverage options, and fantastic meeting spaces. As we continue to expand, we remain dedicated to upgrading our facilities and enhancing our services in order to ensure that the Oncenter remains a premiere convention destination."

With great pride, County Executive Nicholas J. Pirro congratulates the Oncenter staff for receiving the prestigious Inner Circle Award. He said, "As we move forward with the groundbreaking for the new convention center hotel – The Westin Syracuse – this award adds to our ability to bring both previous and new conventions to Syracuse and Onondaga County."

Last year, over 850,000 people attended events at the Oncenter Complex, according to Sandra Baker, Director of Sales and Marketing. "We want our customers to feel special from the moment they walk in our doors. We pride ourselves in our beautiful facilities, but even more importantly on our service, and that's what the Inner Circle Award is based on, the experience of the customer," said Baker.

The 2007 Inner Circle Award Winners - Convention Centers:

- Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, N.C.
- COBO Center, Detroit
- Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Ill.
- George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston
- Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Va.
- Indiana Convention Center & RCA Dome, Indianapolis
- Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.
- Las Vegas Convention Center
- McCormick Place, Chicago
- Oncenter Complex, Syracuse, N.Y.
- Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla.
- Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia
- Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.
- San Diego Convention Center
- Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.
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**About the Oncenter Complex:** The Oncenter Complex consists of three venues and is centrally located in the Northeast to attract both regional and national events that contribute to the economic and cultural development of Onondaga County. The Convention Center at Oncenter is a 99,000-square-foot structure ideal for major conventions, meetings, banquets, consumer shows, trade shows, car shows, exhibitions and corporate awards dinners. The space includes exhibition halls, a ballroom and break-out meeting rooms. Next door, the War Memorial at Oncenter has the versatility to accommodate numerous large-scale events, including ice shows, family shows, car shows, concerts, sports events and conventions. The John H. Mulroy Civic Center at Oncenter is home to three beautiful, distinct theaters that host a diverse variety of events, from stage productions to business meetings. For more information, visit [www.oncenter.org](http://www.oncenter.org).

**About *Association Meetings*:** *Association Meetings* is a magazine published for association executive directors and meeting planners with the objective of aiding in the planning, site selection and organization of meetings and conventions. Content covers hotel and meeting facilities, travel logistics, sightseeing attractions, recreational opportunities, costs, and services available through local convention bureaus and includes profiles of leading industry figures. For more information on the publication or the Inner Circle Awards, visit [www.meetingsnet.com/associationmeetings/mag/awards](http://www.meetingsnet.com/associationmeetings/mag/awards).

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