

## Visit Oakland to Host Meetings Quest July 22–23

*Nation's longest-running series of trade shows for meeting planners  
to be held in the vibrant Bay Area city of Oakland*

Meetings Quest, the nation's longest-running series of educational and networking events for association, corporate, government and religious meeting planners, has partnered with Visit Oakland and will be held July 22–23 at the Oakland Convention Center and at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

“Through our multiyear sponsorship with Meetings Quest, we look forward to providing meeting planners with a dynamic opportunity to advance their industry knowledge and strengthen their professional connections,” said Alison Best, president and CEO of Visit Oakland. “As Oakland continues to receive accolades for its diversity, quality of life and its role as an incubator of innovation, I’m confident that Meetings Quest attendees will find that the city has much to offer.”

With its temperate climate, convenient location and wide selection of venues, Oakland is the perfect place for meetings and events. The Oakland Marriott City Center, which is directly connected to the renovated Oakland Convention Center, offers 489 guest rooms. Together, the two venues provide 89,000 square feet of meeting space. The city is home to three professional sports teams, 108,000 acres of scenic parks and trails, and Lake Merritt, a 3.1-mile urban lake located in the heart of downtown. Other notable attractions in Oakland include Chinatown, the Oakland Museum of California and waterfront activities in Jack London Square. Visitors will find a variety of entertainment offerings, including thriving art studios and galleries, an emerging culinary scene and exciting nightlife.

“We have no doubt that Meetings Quest in Oakland will provide both meeting planners and exhibitors with a unique experience, which is what we aim to achieve with every Meetings Quest,” said Timothy Schneider, president and CEO of Schneider Publishing Company, which publishes *Association News* and organizes Meetings Quest. “Providing a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity is what sets Meetings Quest apart.”

Upcoming Meetings Quest shows will also be held in Providence, Rhode Island, and Bloomington, Minnesota. For further information on exhibiting or to register, visit [MeetingsQuest.com](http://MeetingsQuest.com) or call (877) 577-3700. To watch the Meetings Quest video overview, click [here](#).

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### **About Visit Oakland:**

Visit Oakland is a non-profit organization marketing Oakland, California, as a travel destination. Visit Oakland offers a wide variety of complimentary services and materials for travelers and meeting planners interested in experiencing Oakland. For more information visit [visitoakland.org](http://visitoakland.org).

### **About Schneider Publishing:**

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