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Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast to Host Meetings Quest in 2018

*Nation's longest-running series of trade shows for meeting planners
to be held on the scenic Mississippi Gulf Coast*

Meetings Quest, the nation's longest-running series of educational and networking events for association, corporate, government and religious meeting planners, has announced a multi-year partnership with Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast that will result in Meetings Quest being held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Biloxi during 2018.

"We are very impressed with Meetings Quest's proven track record of offering valuable programming as part of an event that allows meeting planners to experience the host destination," said Renee Areng, executive director of Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast. "We are thrilled to partner with Meetings Quest and look forward to showing off all that the Mississippi Gulf Coast has to offer meeting and event planners."

Located between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama, the Mississippi Gulf Coast is a tri-county area made up of 12 coastal communities featuring more than 14,000 hotel rooms as well as exceptional venues and attractions along 62 miles of scenic coastline. The Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center offers 400,000 square feet of recently expanded and renovated exhibit and meeting space that can host groups of up to 6,000 people. Other meeting options include casinos, resorts and area hotels that offer anywhere from 1,000 to 6,400 square feet of space.

Groups can take advantage of a variety of activities in the area including golf at nearly 20 area courses, a kayak tour of various waterways, an outing on a fishing charter or a performance at a local theater. New to the sports scene is MGM Park, home to Minor League Baseball's Biloxi Shuckers, which opened just last summer. Other notable attractions include the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, the Infinity Science Center and The Redding House, which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and also doubles as an event venue.

"The Mississippi Gulf Coast is experiencing a surge of growth in its meetings and events infrastructure," said Timothy Schneider, president and CEO of Schneider Publishing Company, which publishes *Association News* and organizes Meetings Quest. "Not only have several new hotels opened recently, additional attractions and planned renovations will soon increase the range of options available for meeting planners in this outstanding destination. Meetings Quest on the Mississippi Gulf Coast will provide a truly unique experience for attendees while it also allows the coast to further position itself as an eager host of meetings, conventions and events."

Upcoming Meetings Quest events will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota, and Atlantic City, New Jersey. For further information, visit MeetingsQuest.com or call (877) 577-3700. To watch the Meetings Quest video overview, click [here](#).

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About Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast:

Visit Mississippi Gulf Coast is an organization charged with promoting South Mississippi as a tourism and convention destination worldwide. Its mission centers on attracting ever-increasing numbers of leisure, convention, sports and business visitors to the area. It is dedicated to maximizing the travel and tourism industry for South Mississippi. For more information, visit gulfcoast.org.

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