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## **INTERCONTINENTAL O'HARE SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR BEST HOTEL MEETING AND EVENT SPACE AWARD**

**ROSEMONT, IL** (February, 2010) – *Illinois Meetings & Events* magazine has tapped InterContinental Chicago O'Hare (5300 River Rd, Rosemont) as one of three finalists for its annual Readers' Choice Award for Best Hotel Meeting and Event Space (with more than 400 guestrooms). Winners will be announced at the Readers' Choice Awards Party on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> in Chicago.

"We are honored to be acknowledged as a top choice in Illinois for meetings and events, alongside Fairmont Chicago and Chicago Marriott" says David Hall, general manager of InterContinental O'Hare. "Our hotel sets itself apart by offering sophisticated travelers unsurpassed 4-star service and exquisite amenities unlike any other hotel in the area."

The InterContinental O'Hare opened in 2008 as the only luxury hotel in the Western suburbs. With over 53,000 square-feet of flexible, state-of-the-art meeting and event space, the InterContinental O'Hare boasts 33 distinct event areas, including nine private boardrooms and four grand ballrooms, each able to accommodate up to 1,100 guests for any special occasion. Groups have everything they need at their fingertips, including: 556 stylish guestrooms, world-class dining options with on-site, renowned restaurants McCormick & Schmick's and The Capital Grille, an acclaimed art gallery overseen by two full-time curators, and the Montrose Room, a live entertainment venue that features cutting-edge Chicago bands.

The InterContinental O'Hare is also getting many accolades for going above and beyond in its quest to lighten businesses' impact on the environment. Not only does the property utilize 100% renewable energy credits from wind, but the eco-savvy InterContinental O'Hare also features a green roof, recycles all materials used throughout its hotel and convention area, and helps businesses and organizations support sustainability with its "Green Meetings" program.

Meeting and event planners are also selecting the upscale InterContinental O'Hare because of the hotel's prime location for out-of-town guests. Located minutes from O'Hare International Airport, the hotel is close to the Allstate Arena, Rosemont Theatre,

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, and is convenient to McCormick Place and Chicago's Loop. For more information, call 847-544-5300 or visit [www.icohare.com](http://www.icohare.com).

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