

Columbus Welcomes
The 65th World Science
Fiction Convention



Columbus, OH in 2007

Worldcon

08/30/2007 – 09/03/2007



City Of Columbus
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Office of the Mayor

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August 19, 2003

**Ms. Kim Williams
Executive Director
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P.O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213**

Dear Ms. Williams:

As Mayor of Columbus, it is my pleasure to invite the attendees of the 65th World Science Fiction Convention to choose Columbus in 2007.

Columbus has long been recognized as a vital center of education, commerce, transportation and government. Newsweek magazine named us one of the nation's "ten hot cities," yet we welcome visitors with our hometown hospitality. Our cultural and recreational resources are world-class. The restaurants and entertainment here will match every taste from the cosmopolitan to the conventional. Columbus is an attractive and economical destination.

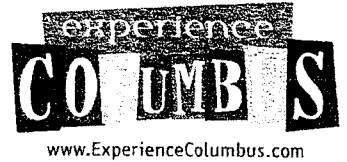
We also are very proud of Experience Columbus, whose professional staff is committed to making every convention succeed, regardless of size. Every visitor to our city is special, and every meeting - from trade show to staff retreat - is our opportunity to showcase Columbus.

The Mayor's Office is available to help make your meeting pleasant and profitable. Thank you in advance for considering Columbus as your destination.

Sincerely,

**Michael B. Coleman
Mayor**

MBC/djh



August 19, 2003

Ms. Kim Williams
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Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P.O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the 930 member businesses of Experience Columbus, I'd like to extend a most enthusiastic invitation to 65th World Science Fiction Convention to convene your 2007 Convention in Columbus.

Columbus is a dynamic city, growing by leaps and bounds. An expanded convention center, continuous additions to our hotel room inventory and a wealth of new visitor attractions are just some of the exciting changes taking place now and into the future.

Our sales team has prepared a proposal that demonstrates our city's ability to provide the facilities, accommodations, attractions and amenities to ensure a successful and enjoyable convention experience for you and your delegates. In addition, we are committed to providing you with the highest level of service, whatever your specialized needs may be, so as to lend complete confidence to your decision to choose Columbus for '07.

We appreciate your consideration, and be assured, 65th World Science Fiction Convention will receive a warm welcome in Columbus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Astleford".

Paul Astleford
President and CEO



GREATER COLUMBUS
CONVENTION CENTER

July 31, 2003

Ms. Kim Williams
Executive Director
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P.O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213

Dear Kim,

On behalf of everyone at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, we are delighted that Columbus is being considered to host the 2007 Worldcon. It would be a privilege to be part of such a prestigious event and I am happy to offer any assistance that you may need in your efforts to bring this convention to Columbus.

I have put all of the space at the Convention Center on a first option hold Wednesday-Tuesday, August 29-September 2007. This space will remain on hold, first-right-of-refusal, through October 15, 2004.

As always, I look forward to working with you Kim. If you need anything, please contact me directly at 614-827-2663 or skloeb@columbusconventions.com.

Warm Regards,

Susie Kloeb
National Sales Manager



Hyatt Regency Columbus
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350 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215 USA

Telephone: 614.463.1234
Telex: 241176
Fax: 614.280.3064

August 18, 2003

Kim Williams
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Society
PO Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213

Dear Kim:

This letter will confirm that the Hyatt Regency Columbus is holding rooms and space for the 2007 WorldCon. We are holding the following block of rooms on a tentative basis:

DAY	DATE	ROOM BLOCK
Wednesday	August 29, 2007	100
Thursday	August 30, 2007	600
Friday	August 31, 2007	600
Saturday	September 1, 2007	600
Sunday	September 2, 2007	600
Monday	September 3, 2007	100

The Hotel has agreed to hold these rooms and all meeting space until the bid is presented at the 2004 WorldCon and a host city has been chosen. It is our understanding that after a decision has been made, contracts will be signed by the end of December 2004.

The Hyatt Regency Columbus is offering a guaranteed flat rate for 2007 of \$105 for single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy. All rates are net, non-commissionable and subject to prevailing state and local taxes, currently at 16.75%. We will be glad to extend the convention rate for any guests that plan to arrive or depart outside the official meeting dates based on room availability in the Hotel during the requested dates.

The Hyatt Regency Columbus agrees to host up to three kegs of beer per day, in the Con Suite on Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1.

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Thank you again for considering Hyatt Regency Columbus for your event needs. We look forward to the opportunity of hosting the 2007 WorldCon. Our facility, meeting space and food quality, combined with our service and professional staff provides an atmosphere that sets us above the rest.

Sincerely,

Valerie D. Gillespie
Sales Manager

VDG:me

COLUMBUS Hospitality

August 19, 2003

Ms. Kim Williams
Executive Director
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P.O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213

Dear Kim,

Thank you for your interest in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. You and your guests will surely be dazzled when you arrive at the Crowne Plaza, which is ideally located on the exciting edge of Columbus, Ohio's hot, new Arena District. Just outside our door, you will discover an enchanting world of world-class dining, sizzling entertainment and nightlife and one-of-a-kind boutiques and galleries.

I am pleased to report that we presently have the rooms and meeting space you requested available for World Science Fiction Society in 2007. Please find the rate information listed below.

2007 Guest Rooms

	Wed 08/29	Thu 08/30	Fri 08/31	Sat 09/01	Sun 09/02	Mon 09/03
Room block	168	282	300	300	300	93

2007 Guest Room Rates

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Room rate	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00

Rates are subject to 16.75% tax and are non-commissionable.

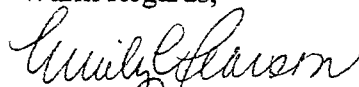
Check-In time is 3:00pm, check-out time is 12:00pm

Kim, this offer is based on availability at the time of confirmation. While we are not holding any rooms or meeting space for World Science Fiction Society at this time, it will be my greatest pleasure to make these arrangements at your direction.

The staff of the Crowne Plaza Hotel would consider it a privilege to host your event. If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please contact me at 614-461-2636 or pearson@columbushospitality.com.

We welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Warm Regards,



Emily Pearson
Sales Representative

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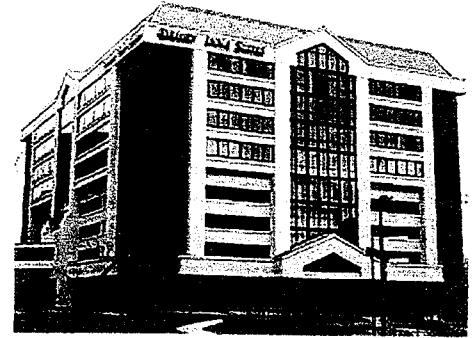
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August 20, 2003

Ms. Kim Williams
Executive Director
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P.O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213



Re: Proposal for *World Science Fiction Society*

Dear Ms. Williams:

It sounds like you are planning a great event for **World Science Fiction Society**. We know that you have many details to arrange so we would like to help you worry about one less thing...your lodging needs! A stay with Drury Hotels will take the worry out of your job!

We will provide outstanding accommodations for your guests while staying at **107 Drury Inn & Suites Columbus Convention Center**. From the friendly check-in, comfortable guest rooms, Free **HOT! QUIKSTART®** Breakfast to express checkout ... we'll take care of it all.

Some of the amenities your group will enjoy:

Free!

HOT! QUIKSTART® Breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage, Belgian waffles, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, hot and cold cereals, toast, pastries, yogurt, coffee, juices and much more.

Free!

Evening Beverages and Snacks from 5:30-7:00pm (Monday-Thursday)

Free!

Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pool, Whirlpool & Exercise Room

Free!

High-Speed Internet Access In Every Guest Room

Free!

Local Phone Calls

Free!

Personal Care Items Available at the Front Desk and Hair Dryer, Free In-Room Coffee and Iron/Ironing Board Available in all Guest Rooms

Plus Much More!

PROPOSAL FOR WORLD SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY THIS IS NOT AN ACTUAL BOOKING

PROPERTY REQUESTED

107 Drury Inn & Suites Columbus Convention Center
 88 East Nationwide Boulevard Columbus, Ohio 43215
 Telephone: 614-221-7008 Fax: 614-221-7008

DATES REQUESTED

ARRIVAL: Wednesday, August 29, 2007
 DEPARTURE: Tuesday, September 4, 2007

GUEST ROOMS REQUESTED

	Wed 08/29	Thu 08/30	Fri 08/31	Sat 09/01	Sun 09/02	Mon 09/03
2RM SUITE/NON-SMOKING KING BED	0	20	20	20	20	0
NON-SMOKING/2 RM SUITE/2 Q BEDS	0	5	15	15	15	0
NON-SMOKING /DELUXE RM	8	25	25	25	25	10
NON-SMOKING/ QQ DELUXE	70	80	80	80	80	33

RATES QUOTED

	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
SUITE/NON-SMOKING KING BED	135	135	135	135
NON-SMOKING/2 RM SUITE/2 Q BEDS	135	135	135	135
NON-SMOKING /DELUXE RM	105	105	105	105
NON-SMOKING/ QQ DELUXE	105	105	105	105

2007 Rates are valid per room, per night, plus tax. Current tax rate is 16.75%. Rates are net, non-commissionable unless otherwise noted.

Hotel Parking: \$10 Per Night

We look forward to your stay at our hotel. I will contact you soon to review this proposal and answer any questions you may have. To book your group's stay, please call me at 1-800-436-1171 or kesley.fortner@druryinn.com.

Sincerely,
 Kesley Fortner
 National Convention Sales

Note: This is a proposal. Rates, taxes and availability are subject to change at any time. This is not an actual booking.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DRURY HOTELS
 VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.druryhotels.com



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PROPOSAL ONLY

August 18, 2003

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Ms. Kim Williams
 Executive Director
 Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
 P.O. Box 13559
 Columbus, OH 43213

RE ANNUAL CONVENTION 2007

The *Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown Columbus* is interested in offering a special rate to the attendees and staff for your conference. We pride ourselves in offering the following:

1. Room type selection: Spacious, Well-lit, Large desk area, and Computer hook-up outlet
 King Standard- One king bed
 Double/Doubles- Two full size beds
 King Suites include microwave and refrigerator
2. **Complimentary** Deluxe Continental Breakfast
3. **Complimentary** local calls, long distance access, voice mail, 2 line speakerphone
4. **Complimentary** high speed internet access / data ports
5. **Complimentary** in-room movie channel
6. **Complimentary** USA Today
7. **Complimentary** on site Business Center
8. Non-smoking Rooms/Suites floors 2-6, Smoking available of Floor 7
9. Fitness Center Onsite – Indoor Pool with Sauna
10. Hilton HHonors Program Points – individual and meeting planner points and miles
11. 100% Satisfaction Guarantee
12. Parking Garage on-site (**valet service only**) based on availability

INSTALLED IN FALL 2003 – COMPLIMENTARY WIRELESS ACCESS IN LOBBY AND PUBLIC AREAS

Located across High Street from the Greater Columbus Convention Center

When you take into consideration all of the above benefits, at no additional charge (except for parking), we hope you will agree you get more for your convention dollar at the new Hampton Inn & Suites. (AVAILABILITY ALL YEARS)

REQUESTED DATE(S) 2007	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/01	9/02	9/03
AVAILABLE ROOMS	100	130	130	130	130	50

The room rates for 2007 are as follows with a contract signed by October 15, 2004. \$99.00 one person / \$109.00 two to four persons per room for Standard Rooms, King Suites are available at \$139.00 one person / \$149.00 two to four persons per Suite. 2003 Rates for Rack are \$135.00 one person, \$145.00 two or more persons. Suites range in pricing from \$175.00 / 185.00 to \$289.00 / 299.00

Due to amenities and food and beverage included in all of our room rates a flat rate is not available. Cut off date will be 30 (thirty) days prior to arrival.

The following concessions will be made: one comp room night per 50 rooms occupied. Hampton Inn and Suites will upgrade 5 Staff / VIP Rooms to King Suites at the Group Rate. The above rates do not include the 16.75% tax. All room rates include the above amenities.

Room rates will be available on the shoulder days two days before and after the conference to accommodate your staff and attendees requirements for travel or to visit and see the city.

We look forward to having the opportunity to work with you. If you have any questions or would like more information on the Hampton Inn & Suites, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Sleeping and meeting rooms are **NOT** being held at this time. A **Group Rooms Contract** will be issued should you choose to block rooms on a definite basis for this event. Attendees cannot call and get a group rate without a signed contract from the organization. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card or other means of payment. If direct billing is required an application will be sent along with the contract.

Attendees will have the advantage of making reservations either with the hotel directly, through our Central Reservations Center or directly online through our website with the three letter code assigned to contracted business.

We pride ourselves in taking our clients and guests requests as a top priority, our contracting process is simplified with **no attrition penalties. One hundred eighty day cancellation clause without penalty.**

On behalf of Hampton Inn and Suites we would be delighted to host your conference rooms here in Columbus once again as we have in the past years.

Sincerely,

Janet

Janet Boissy
Director of Sales
614-324-9021 Direct Line
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jboissy@hotmail.com

Downtown Columbus near the Arena District and Short North District

– and we have the Best Meeting Space Columbus – Right Across the Street –

The Greater Columbus Convention Center

RED ROOF INN
111 Nationwide Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43215
Tel: (614) 224-6539
Fax: (614) 224-6573



Thursday, August 21, 2003

Kim Williams
Mid Ohio Science Fiction Convention
P. O. Box 13559
Columbus, OH 43213

Dear Kim:

Thank you for your interest in Red Roof Inns. On behalf of the Red Roof Inn Columbus Downtown, we would be pleased to host overnight accommodations for the World Con. The following proposal is based on your group's requirements as I understand them.

AVAILABILITY

At this time we are tentatively holding the following rooms for the in :

Friday, August 31, 2007	90 Db/DbI, 25 Kings & 3 Suites
Saturday, September 1, 2007	90 Db/DbI, 25 Kings & 3 Suites
Sunday, September 2, 2007	90 Db/DbI, 25 Kings & 3 Suites
Monday, September 3, 2007	C/O

GROUP RATES

Our rates currently range from \$89.99, single occupancy and from \$94.99, double occupancy. We are pleased to quote World Sciecn Fiction Society at rate of \$99.00 plus tax. This is a flat rate good for 1-4 people in the room and is non-commissionable.



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LOCATION AND AMENITIES

The Red Roof Inn Columbus Downtown is located at Nationwide Blvd. and Third Street within walking distance from the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This location has excellent visibility and easy access to I-670 and I-71. Via I-670, the inn is less than ten minutes from Port Columbus International Airport. We offer:

- oFree unlimited local phone calls.
- oSpacious Rooms and Suites.
- oComplimentary *USA Today* (available Monday - Friday).
- oComplimentary continental breakfast served daily.
- oIrons and Boards in all rooms.
- oOff-site exercise facilities - complimentary use of the facilities at World Gym, 9 E. Long Street.
- oComplimentary airport shuttle service - Services area available to and from Port Columbus International Airport, 7:00am - 11:00pm (based upon availability). All reservations for the airport shuttle must be made in advance and may be made through the front desk when the guests phone to make their room reservations.
- oParking - Parking for Red Roof Inn guests is available in the east lot of the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Cost to park is \$10 per day for self parking. These costs include in/out access.

Kim, please call me at 614-224-6539 ext. 460 should you have questions or concerns regarding the information contained in this proposal. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Red Roof Inn Columbus Downtown



Carrie Evans
Sales Assistant