

**SMOFCON 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of Bid:

DC in 2024

What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding?

August 2024

What is your proposed convention host city?

Washington, DC

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

City center

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

- Auckland, New Zealand - \$1,400 (one stop)
 - Boston, MA USA - \$142 (nonstop)
 - Chicago, IL USA - \$128 (nonstop)
 - Dallas-Fort Worth, TX USA - \$163 (nonstop)
 - Dublin, Ireland - \$665 (nonstop)
 - Helsinki, Finland - \$483 (one stop)
 - London, United Kingdom - \$701 (one stop)
 - Los Angeles, CA USA - \$248 (nonstop)
 - Melbourne, Australia - \$1,512 (one stop)
- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?

Yes

- **Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) – United Airlines**
- **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) – American Airlines**

- Do international flights, as well as domestic; fly into your local airport?

Yes

- Which airlines service your airport?

Dulles (IAD): flydulles.com/iad/airlines-serving-dulles-international

Baltimore-Washington (BWI): bwiairport.com/en/flight/airlines

Reagan National (DCA): flyreagan.com/dca/airlines-serving-reagan-national

- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Direct flights (IAD) for all except Auckland, New Zealand, Helsinki, Finland, and Melbourne, Australia

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

Using the Marriott Wardman Park as the theoretical convention site:

The closest train station, Union Station, is 3.9 miles (6.3 km) away. By public transport, it takes 12 minutes via Metrorail. It costs \$2.30 during peak fare hours. Users travelling off peak will experience lower prices. Taxi fare is under \$20.

The closest airport is Reagan National Airport (DCA) 7.4 miles (12 km) away. By public transportation, it costs \$3.35 during peak fare hours and takes 35 minutes. Users travelling off peak will experience lower prices. Taxi fare is under \$30.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

Our site selection process has just started.

Discussions have been held with the 2017 hotel. The Marriott Wardman Park has 1,048 rooms and 104 suites. There are additional rooms available across the street at the Omni Shoreham which has not been contacted. s

- There are approximately 126 properties with 30,665 hotel rooms located in Washington, DC. The Greater Washington Metropolitan Area is home to 686 properties with 110,227 rooms (including those located within DC proper).
- There are 4,635 committable rooms within 1 mile of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.
- There are 24 properties with 5,075 rooms currently in the construction pipeline in Washington, DC that are expected to be delivered in 2016 and beyond, including 10 that are currently under construction.
- The 1,175-room Marriott Marquis Washington, DC opened next to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in May 2014, connected by a pedestrian concourse.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

- There are 2,144 restaurants located in Washington, DC.
- *Bon Appétit* magazine has named Washington D.C. as the Restaurant City of the Year for 2016.
- There are numerous food trucks

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- **Hotel(s): No smoking indoors**
- **Convention Center: No smoking indoors**
- **City: Smoking is not permitted indoors within the city, at bus stops, or at playgrounds.**

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

Typical mid-August weather for DC — highs ranging from 84-89F (29-32C), with lows ranging from 65-74F (18-23C).

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

The free Smithsonian museums (including the National Zoo, the Air and Space Museum, and the National Museum of Natural History), the White House, the US Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, various other museums and galleries, and the entire National Mall to name just some of the more prominent. Washington, DC is one of Earth's prime tourist cities and every bit of it will be available to us. Moreover, if you venture beyond the DC metropolitan area, Virginia and Maryland are thick with sites of historical, cultural, recreational, or scientific interest.

Who is on your committee?

Bill Lawhorn is the exploratory committee chair for BWAWA.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

Obtaining suitable corkage and forage waivers will be a major goal of our future facility contracts negotiating process. The parties are very likely to be in the host hotel suites.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

Our parent organization, the Baltimore-Washington Area Worldcon Association, Inc., has a Code of Conduct (bwawa.org), which has been used at other BWAWA-run events and will be adapted to the needs of our Worldcon should we win.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

We plan to offer special rates.