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**DALLAS CONVENTION & EVENT SERVICES DIRECTOR FRANK POE  
INDUCTED INTO INDUSTRY'S HALL OF LEADERS**

*Dallas, TX* - On Sunday, August 20, Frank Poe, Convention & Events Services Director at the Dallas Convention Center, received the Convention Industry Council's (CIC) highest honor when he was inducted into the organization's Hall of Leaders.

Chosen by the CIC for outstanding and innovative leadership, Poe was honored with five others at a gala held in conjunction with the American Society of Association Executives' annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The elite group joined previous years' honorees in the Hall of Leaders Recognition Pavilion in the Washington, D.C. convention center and on the walls of McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

Poe was nominated by the International Association of Assembly Managers for leading the organization's Safety and Security Task Force on facility security following 9/11. Under his leadership, safety and security protocols and best practices were developed with applications for convention centers, exhibit halls, stadiums, arenas, amphitheaters and performing arts venues. He also worked with the Department of Homeland Security to create the IAAM Academy for Venue Safety and Security.

"In announcing this year's honorees, CIC referred to Frank as a 'silent mentor through his example, influence and teaching of calm direction and progress,' and all of us at the bureau and throughout the industry wholeheartedly agree," said Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Phillip Jones. "His name is synonymous with service, and this very deserved honor is another example of the strong leadership that will take the industry – and Dallas – to the next level of excellence."

In addition to serving as past president of IAAM and as chairman of the organization's Safety and Security Task Force and Academy for Venue Safety/Security, Poe's

professional affiliations include membership in the Professional Convention Management Association and the International Association of Exposition Management.

The Convention Industry Council's 31 member organizations represent more than 100,000 individuals and 15,000 firms and properties involved in the meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry. Formed in 1949 to provide a forum for member organizations seeking to enhance the industry, the CIC facilitates the exchange of information and develops programs to promote professionalism within the industry and educates the public on its profound economic impact.

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