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THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER WELCOMES APPROXIMATELY 98,000 GUESTS PER YEAR AS A RESULT OF INS CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

LOS ANGELES, CA—April 30, 2007— An estimated 14,000 friends, family, and new U.S. citizens to be, energetically gathered at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) last week on Thursday, April 26 in support of an Immigration Naturalization Services (INS) citizenship ceremony. Approximately 56,000 people this year will walk into the LACC as immigrants, and will walk out as official U.S. citizens during one of the seven INS ceremonies scheduled at the LACC this year.

Each INS event has two ceremonies per day, one morning ceremony at 10 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. Each ceremony attracts about 4,000 participating new citizens to be (8,000 per event day; 56,000 per year) and an estimated 3,000 friends and family supporters (6,000 guests per event; about 42,000 family and friends per year).

About the Los Angeles Convention Center

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it's recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. Currently, 20% of the facility operates on environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious industry awards including several Planner's Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, and recognition for model emergency care programs. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.

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