DeKalb County’s Destination Marketing Organization

- As the county’s sole DMO, the DCCVB works on behalf of DeKalb County Government and other county stakeholders to attract leisure travelers and overnight visitors to the area’s diverse attractions, destinations, events and amenities.

- The bureau serves as a primary point of contact for meeting planners, sports tournament directors, tour operators, special event planners and travelers.

- Bureau marketing initiatives are primarily focused on markets and regions outside of DeKalb County to attract guests and visitor spending to the area.
Illinois Tourism is BIG Business

$41.7 Billion
Visitor expenditures in 2018
(Up 5.1% from 2017)

- 117 million visitors to the state (+ 3 million from previous year)
- $3.3 billion in Local Tax Revenue due to visitor spending (Up 7.1%)
- 342,300 Jobs Supported from Tourism in 2018

Visitor Economic Impact Source: US Travel Association; D.K. Shiffet & Associates; Office of Tourism Industries; Illinois Dept. of Revenue & the Illinois Office of Tourism
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Visitor expenditures in 2018
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- Tourism contributed an additional $220.8 million to state and local communities in 2018

- Visitor expenditures saves average Illinois household more than $1,300 in taxes per year

Visitor Economic Impact Source: US Travel Association; D.K. Shiffet & Associates; Office of Tourism Industries; Illinois Dept. of Revenue & the Illinois Office of Tourism
Travel and Tourism Impact on DeKalb County

$101.7 million
Visitor expenditures in DeKalb County in 2018
(Up 2.9% from 2017)

- $1.69 million in Local Tax Revenue due to visitor spending (Up 1.5%)
- 5,200 Jobs Created from Tourism in Illinois
- 590 Jobs Created in DeKalb County

Visitor Economic Impact Source: US Travel Association; D.K. Shiffet & Associates; Office of Tourism Industries; Illinois Dept. of Revenue & the Illinois Office of Tourism
DeKalb County Visitor Spending Continues to Grow

Visitor Spending Source: US Travel Association; D.K. Shiffet & Associates; Office of Tourism Industries; Illinois Dept. of Revenue & the Illinois Office of Tourism
Targeted Marketing to Chicagoland and Beyond

- 7 Tourist Information Centers
- Illinois Tollway Oases: Belvidere, DeKalb, Hinsdale, O’Hare, Lake Forest and Chicago Southland Lincoln
- CTM Kiosk Program (Multi-State)
- Northern Illinois University (distributed among HSC, Convocation Center, BAVC and other campus locations)
- Union Station Chicago

30,000 Visitors Guides
CTM Kiosk Program

- 62 Hotel displays in Northwest Illinois Hotels (Hampshire, Joliet, Oregon, DeKalb, Kewanee, Peru, Dixon, Ottawa, and more...)
- 138 Chicago Southwest Hotels (Naperville, Downers Grove, Aurora, St. Charles, Bloomingdale, Addison, Lombard, etc.)
CTM Kiosk Program

- 22 Brochure Displays at Chicagoland attractions (Navy Pier, City Segway Tours, Wendella Boats and Water Taxi, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Midway Airport Rental Car Facility, Second City, DuSable Museum, etc.)
CTM Kiosk Program

Northwest Illinois Hotels | Visitor Program
62 Locations | Estimated Audience: 2,519,000
CTM Kiosk Program

Chicago Southwest Hotels | Visitor Program
138 Locations | Estimated Audience: 8,589,233
CTM Kiosk Program

Chicago Attractions | Visitor Program
23 Locations | Estimated Audience: 4,309,264