



KANSAS CITY IN 2006

A BID FOR THE 64TH

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 4, 2006

- ✦ 2006 will mark the 30th anniversary of the last Kansas City Worldcon, MidAmeriCon. A generation of new fans emerged from that experience and spread throughout the midwest, founding clubs and starting conventions, many of which are still in existence. We look forward to the opportunity to provide a similar transformative experience to the youth of today and tomorrow.
- ✦ Overland Park (one of the many suburbs that make up the greater Kansas City area) is constructing a state-of-the-art convention center that will provide more than enough function space for a WorldCon's needs. Phase One (currently running a month ahead of schedule) will be finished this fall, and Phase Two, which will double the size of the Convention Center, will be completed in 2005. Phase One includes 237,000 square feet of total space, including a 60,000 square foot exhibit hall, a multi-purpose facility with stage that seats 2500 and meeting rooms that can be configured as needed. The attached Sheraton hotel offers a 12,000 square foot ballroom and 13,000 square feet of meeting room space. There is also a 25,000 square foot courtyard between the hotel and convention center for outdoor demonstrations, and 225 covered and 1200 surface parking spaces, in addition to the hotel parking. *All parking, both at the convention center and the hotels, will be free.* You can watch the progress from our website, www.midamericon.org. There will be over 1100 rooms connected to or immediately adjacent to the convention center, with a total of over 5,000 rooms within a 10 minute drive. The Bid Committee, hotels, convention center, convention and visitors bureau, and the City of Overland Park are working together to coordinate shuttle service between the hotels, the convention and nearby shopping and dining areas.
- ✦ Our Bid Committee consists of fans both from the midwest and throughout the country with experience working local and regional conventions, as well as WorldCons. Our local group hosted the Nebula Weekend in 1997 and 2002 to great acclaim: Our annual convention, ConQuesT (now in its fourth decade), is renowned as one of the finest (and most fun) cons in the midwest. And members of our committee are also part of the group hosting the 2003 World Horror Convention in Kansas City.
- ✦ Kansas City is in the heart of America; it's a major transportation hub with easy travel connections and a modern, spacious airport. You'll be amazed at how little you'll have to pay for hotel rooms and fine dining in our fair city. The convention center is located directly adjacent to a major interstate and is easily accessible from any direction.
- ✦ Kansas City is famous for its jazz, blues, fine dining, the universe's best barbecue and its park-like, scenic beauty. There are also many attractions awaiting your discovery, including the Kansas City Zoo, the Harry S Truman Library and Museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum (with a major expansion to be completed in 2005), the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, several riverboat casinos, the Woodlands horse and dog racing track, the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, the world-renowned Country Club Plaza shopping district and much more, all within thirty minutes of the convention center.

The Bid Committee believes we can make Labor Day weekend 2006 one of the most memorable in WorldCon history. We invite you to join us in the effort by presupporting our bid at one of the four levels explicated at right. **NOTE: *The benefits listed will be received if you vote and we win.*** We thank you for your support, and look forward to seeing you in 2006.

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