

QUESTIONNAIRE

General

- Name of Bid:
A: **New Orleans In 2023 Worldcon Bid**

- Person(s) Smofcon should contact about this questionnaire and about the Fannish Inquisition at Smofcon 36 (including email address):
A: **Mike Willmoth, mwillmoth@earthlink.net**

- What dates are you bidding for?
A: **Weekend before Labor Day Weekend, Wed thru Sun**

- What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?
• A: **New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; city center**

- What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?
• A: **Hyatt Regency Downtown**

- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?
A: **Rebecca Smith; Mike Willmoth, Bill Thomasson, several others; most recently RS was Hospitality Division Head for NASFiC 2017 (San Juan, PR) & Hospitality Deputy DH for Sasquan; most recently MW was Vice Chair of Sasquan (Worldcon 73, Spokane, WA, 2015) & Deputy Division Head for Facilities at Worldcon 76 (San Jose, CA, 2018); BT most recently has worked in or headed up Accessibility areas for Sasquan, MidAmericon 2 (Kansas City, MO, 2016) and Worldcon 76.**

- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?
A: **TBD**

- Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?
A: **Yes, TBD**

Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**

- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**

- 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?
A: **10 miles from airport to hotel; taxi will be about US\$35+**

Facilities

- What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc.?
A: **Hyatt Regency Downtown; see FI details from Worldcon 76**
- What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet in the room? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- What does parking cost at your main hotels?
A: **Valet only; self parking nearby; rates will be discounted in hotel contract**
- What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?
A: **US\$0; mobile scooter or powerchair or wheelchair**
- Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?
A: **See FI details from Worldcon 76**
- Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.
A: **Several restaurants on site; many restaurants within a half mile (0.8 km)**
- What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?
A: **Too early to define; will have corkage waiver**
- Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.
A: **No smoking in facility; designated areas outside near hotel; city similar**

Miscellaneous

- What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?
A: **90s F, humid, some rain; indoor temps same as other Worldcons, dry, no rain**
- What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?
A: **French Quarter, National World War 2 Museum, Mississippi River riverboat cruises, etc**
- Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?
A: **Yes**
- Do you have a code of conduct?
A: **In progress**