

# McCormick Place Exhibitor Information

Temporary setbacks with regards to two aspects of the labor reforms enacted in May 2010 (exhibitor rights and work rules) have affected the current exhibitor rules at McCormick Place.

While our state and city leaders work to resolve this issue, it's important to remember much of this historic reform remains in play:

## CURRENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAMS

### Electrical Services

McCormick Place is no longer the exclusive provider of electrical services. Show organizers now have the flexibility to choose an electrical provider of their choice out of a list of pre-approved vendors, thereby enabling cost savings through market competition.

### Food Service Pricing

Both concessions and catering are provided at lower costs for show organizers, exhibitors and attendees. As an added bonus, exhibitors can bring their own food into McCormick Place for personal consumption by employees.

Effective September 1, 2011 *Savor* is the food service management company.

### Free Wi-Fi

McCormick Place is now the largest convention center in the U.S. to provide free Wi-Fi. This amenity is available throughout the facility, including all common hallways, exhibit halls and meeting rooms.

### Lower Parking Rates

The parking rate in the surface lot (**Lot B**) of McCormick Place has been reduced from \$19 to \$14, affording significant savings for people who attend events at McCormick Place. Exhibitor parking with guaranteed access and in/out privilege is available for \$23.75 – in advance from website [www.truticket.com](http://www.truticket.com)

## CURRENT EXHIBITOR PROGRAMS WITH REVISIONS

### Booth Set-Up

This rule continues to allow exhibitor with booths up to 300 square feet the ability to set-up their own booth with hand tools.

### ASUV - Personally Operated Vehicles

Exhibitors are temporarily not allowed access to loading docks for unloading materials. It is permissible to hand carry items from parking lot or utilizing a two wheel dolly. Additionally, designated areas specific to individual exposition halls may be available for automobiles and small utility vehicles to unload. Please confer with your Event Manager for specific locations.



## **SUSPENDED EXHIBITOR PROGRAMS – THESE TWO ASPECTS OF REFORM ARE CURRENTLY NOT ALLOWED**

### **Booth Set-Up**

An exhibitor and an exhibitor's employees are permitted to do the following work in a booth of any size.

Use a ladder and power hand tools to set up and dismantle a booth.

Assemble and disassemble materials, machinery, or equipment.

Install signs, props, ballots and other decorative items.

Deliver, plug-in, connect, operate electrical equipment, computers and audio visual devices.

Re-position or re-skid items in their booth.

### **Reduced Overtime**

A contractor may only charge an exhibitor for labor services as follows:

Monday – Friday: An exhibitor will pay straight time labor rates for a consecutive 8-hour period between 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday – An exhibitor will pay straight time-and-a-half labor rates for a consecutive 8-hour period.