

Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association: Joint statement regarding conferences and workshops held by government agencies

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Conferences, workshops, and professional development opportunities are important to all types of organizations, including state agencies. When state agencies hold meetings and events, they are contracted at special rates – well below market value – for state employees, with strict adherence to state policies.

Wisconsin is fortunate to have resorts, banquet facilities and larger hotels with the space, staffing and infrastructure needed to support large-scale events. When organizations, both within Wisconsin and from outside the state, choose to host events here, it supports local economies and jobs while reinforcing Wisconsin's reputation as a premier destination for meetings, conventions and tourism.