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CHESAPEAKE CONVENTIONS AND TOURISM WELCOMES SUSAN DREWERY

Susan Drewery will act as the new sales manager for Chesapeake Conventions and Tourism

Chesapeake, Va., June 24, 2009 – Chesapeake Conventions and Tourism recently welcomed Susan Drewery as the newest member of their sales team. Drewery joined CCT as a sales manager to help bring group travel and tourism visitors into the Chesapeake area. At CCT, Drewery will help to promote Chesapeake as a go-to city for group travel tours and military, family and fraternal reunions.

Before transferring to CCT, Drewery acted as sales manager for the Chesapeake Conference Center. Prior to that, Drewery was employed with Nauticus, The National Maritime Center in Norfolk, Va., where she dedicated 14 years of work to promoting tourism within the Hampton Roads region.

While maintaining her job at Nauticus, Drewery graduated from Old Dominion University where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology. Drewery worked at Nauticus after classes as a development associate, a special events coordinator and a membership coordinator. She also holds an associates degree in social sciences from Tidewater Community College.

"We are ecstatic to have Susan Drewery as a member of our team now," said Kim Murden, director of CCT. "She has lived and worked in the Chesapeake region for more than 15 years; she knows the area well and she'll be able to give travelers expert advice."

As the tourism industry continues to grow within Chesapeake and the Hampton Roads region, CCT needed to expand their sales department as well. Drewery's sales efforts will be dedicated to reaching out to group planners and tour guides.

"Susan is a huge asset to our sales team," said Murden. "Her time will be committed to creating new and exciting itineraries and encouraging tour guides and tour planners to bring their groups into the region."

In addition to working with groups interested in planning their own tours and reunions, Drewery will collaborate with tour operators to create customized trip itineraries that meet the unique tourism preferences of a variety of groups.

"I am thrilled to take on this new challenge as a sales manager with the Chesapeake Conventions and Tourism team," said Drewery. "Although I have played an active role in tourism attractions in the Hampton Roads region for years, I look forward to experiencing the full scope of the industry firsthand by working in the Conventions and Tourism department. Working for CCT will broaden my knowledge of the industry and I am confident that I will learn a lot."

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For more information about CCT's offerings in Tourism & Group Travel, go to www.visitchesapeake.com/tourism. Learn more about CCT's newest group itineraries at www.visitchesapeake.com/tourism/itineraries.

About Chesapeake, Va. Conventions & Tourism

Based in southeast Virginia, the city of Chesapeake boasts more than 4,000 available hotel rooms and some of the strongest attractions, accommodations and meeting spaces in the area. Chesapeake Conventions & Tourism (CCT) strives to promote, market and sell the city as a destination for meetings, conventions and individual travelers, fostering economic development and benefiting and supporting members and the overall business community.

Established in 2002, the office of the Chesapeake Conventions & Tourism oversees all leisure, group and meeting travel marketing for the city. In addition to managing the Chesapeake Visitor Center, the office also markets the Chesapeake Conference Center with more than 23,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space. For more information on all Chesapeake has to offer, contact Chesapeake Conventions and Tourism at 757.502.4898 or go to www.visitchesapeake.com.

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