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**THE GREATER TACOMA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER  
HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO FACILITATE THE  
WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN 2012**

*3,000 anticipated to attend the event in Tacoma May 31 – June 2, 2012*

Tacoma, WA. – October 13, 2010 – the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) has announced that the 2012 State Republican Convention will be held in Tacoma from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center in downtown Tacoma, Washington. The State GOP Convention takes place every two years and is the largest gathering of Republicans in Washington State.

The State Republican Party reports that this year, over 1,700 delegates and guests attended the State Convention in Vancouver. Because the 2012 election cycle will feature a presidential election, as well as a race for Governor and U.S. Senator, higher attendance and enthusiasm is anticipated. The Party also contends that the process to select Tacoma as the host city for the State Convention culminates a year-long WSRP committee effort to choose a location that can provide comfortable and convenient facilities, with attractive costs both to delegates and the Party.

This will be the first State Republican Convention held in Pierce County in 25 years. The following local community leaders shared their comments:

**Bob Lawrence, Pierce County GOP Chairman**

"The State Convention is always a highlight of being involved in Republican politics, and having it take place in Pierce County will make it that much better. As the host county party, we cannot wait to show Republicans what our county has to offer.

I can't emphasize enough how much we appreciate the cooperation of the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center and the Tacoma Regional Convention + Visitor Bureau in working with our local party to put forward very attractive bids and our event proposal."

**Marilyn Strickland, Mayor, City of Tacoma**

"We are thrilled to welcome the 2012 State Republican Convention to Tacoma and look forward to showcasing the great amenities and diversity of our city. From our waterfront to our museums and dining options, we've worked hard to position ourselves as an arts, tourism and recreation destination."

The WSRP news release can be viewed on their blog at  
<http://www.wsrpblog.org/2010/10/washington-state-republican-party.html>

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**About The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**

The Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center (GTCTC) is located at 1500 Broadway in the heart of revitalized, downtown Tacoma, Washington. 20 miles south of SeaTac International Airport, the facility offers an upscale, affordable and attractive space for events of all types from 10-4,000 attendees in an ideal Pacific Northwest setting. For more information call 253.830.6601 or online at gtctc.org