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## **CONNECT ANNOUNCES DUPAGE COUNTY ITASCA AS THE LOCATION OF CONNECT CHICAGO 2019**

ATLANTA, August 16, 2018— Connect announces that Connect Chicago 2019 will be hosted in DuPage County at the Eaglewood Resort & Spa Itasca Feb. 25-26, 2019. DuPage County — the healthiest destination in Illinois — offers an urban escape while still providing the excitement and allure of the nation’s third largest city. Eaglewood Resort & Spa is highly inspired by nature, as well as the legendary work of Frank Lloyd Wright, who is known for his prairie-style architecture throughout the Chicagoland area. Guests experience interior spaces that capture the essence of its beautiful surroundings, with naturally lit meeting and guest rooms overlooking the remarkable 18-hole golf course.

“Having been partners with Connect for over 20 years, it is our sincere pleasure to welcome attendees of Connect Chicago 2019 to the Village of Itasca, located in DuPage County,” said Beth Marchetti, executive director of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau. “We look forward to showcasing DuPage’s unique mix of urban sophistication yet small-town charm. I know guests will appreciate the quintessential charm of Itasca, along with opportunities to DuMore in DuPage, whether they find themselves sharing good conversation and craft beer at Church Street Brewing Company or find escape and wellness at the resort’s world-class spa.”

Connect Chicago caters to planners and suppliers focused on association, corporate and international meetings and events in Chicago. This event includes prescheduled one-on-one meetings, industry-specific continuing education sessions, keynote general sessions and quality networking with industry colleagues.

“2019 will mark the fourth year for Connect Chicago, one of our fastest-growing events,” said Chris Collinson, president of Connect. “Hosting the event in DuPage County will give our attendees a chance to see what we’ve known for years—that DuPage has everything a planner needs and more.”

During the Marketplace session, planners and sellers meet in prescheduled appointments specific to their meetings’ needs, exchange RFPs, and arrange future site visits and book events.

To participate, contact Vice President of Sales Matt Johnson at [mjohnson@connectmeetings.com](mailto:mjohnson@connectmeetings.com), or for more information, visit [connectmarketplace.com/chicago](http://connectmarketplace.com/chicago).

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