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**KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER HIRES TOM CONAWAY
AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Tom Conaway recently joined the Knoxville Convention Center as director of finance.

"Tom's extensive experience and outstanding leadership make him an ideal choice for our new director of finance," said General Manager Mary Bogert. "He will be a great asset to the convention center as it continues its role as an economic engine for the city of Knoxville."

Conaway has 23 years of financial experience. Before joining the Knoxville Convention Center, he served as director of business operations for Comcast Cable's Knoxville system since 2000. In this role, Conaway directed a 32-person department and was responsible for all financial requirements.

Prior to that, Conaway served Comcast as regional financial planning and analysis manager for the company's southeast regional office in West Palm Beach, Fla. He handled the region's budget and forecast processes. Conaway spent the first four years of his career with the accounting firm Ernst & Young.

Conaway is a graduate of the University of Florida and has held both the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designations. He lives in West Knoxville with his wife, Carole, along with his children, Andrew and Lanie.

The Knoxville Convention Center is located in downtown Knoxville adjacent to the Sunsphere. It boasts an 119,922-square-foot exhibit hall, a 27,300-square-foot divisible ballroom and 18 meeting rooms. For more information, visit <http://www.knoxvilleconventioncenter.com>.

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