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**KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER NAMES CHRIS MOORE
AS EXECUTIVE CHEF**

The Knoxville Convention Center's reputation for exceptional banquet services got even stronger with the announcement of new Executive Chef Chris Moore, whose culinary résumé includes stops in San Francisco, Charleston and at Stokely Hospitality.

"Chris' creativity and passion for fresh ingredients and great flavors will bring a unique flair to our food and beverage offerings," said General Manager Mary Bogert. "The Knoxville Convention Center is a world-class facility, and Chris' talent will allow us to provide the exceptional cuisine and catering services that our clients have come to expect."

Before joining the Knoxville Convention Center, Moore served as corporate executive chef for Stokely Hospitality. Formerly, he served as a corporate chef with Pappas Restaurants in Houston.

"It is a great opportunity to be named executive chef at the Knoxville Convention Center," Moore said. "I believe that the cornerstone of all great meals is an uncompromising view that flavor is paramount. Even in the large-facility setting of the convention center, great flavors deliver a high-quality, enjoyable dining experience for our guests."

Moore's extensive culinary background includes previous positions as executive chef for Maverick Southern kitchens, where he developed new menus for the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, S.C.; as a chef for the acclaimed Fog City Diner in San Francisco; and as a chef for celebrity chef Cindy Pawlcyn of the Real Restaurant Group based also in San Francisco.

While living in San Francisco, Moore also opened his own restaurant, Rocco's Seafood Grill, which received acclaim from the San Francisco Chronicle.

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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