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**DuPage CVB Receives Business Ledger's 2010 Award for  
Excellence in Economic Development**

Oak Brook, IL – The [DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau](http://www.discoverdupage.com) (DuPage CVB) has been awarded the prestigious AABE (Annual Award for Business Excellence) for Best Business Organization / Economic Development Entity. The award was presented at a reception held by the [Business Ledger](http://www.businessledger.com) at Danada House in Wheaton on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

The Business Ledger gave out 22 AABE awards this year to suburban companies, business organizations and non-profits for business achievement, growth and community involvement. The recipients were selected by a panel of Business Ledger staff and event sponsors from more than 100 nominations.

This category honors local chambers of commerce, business associations and 501(c)(6) economic development agencies that have provided creative and innovative services for their members and / or have made a significant contribution to the growth of the business community.

“In these difficult economic times, we are especially excited to be given an award that recognizes the economic impact of our tourism initiatives,” states Skip

Strittmatter, Executive Director of the DuPage CVB. “We are also honored to be chosen not just for our success, but for our teamwork and service as well.”

Two DuPage CVB member businesses also received 2010 ABBE awards: [Elmhurst College](#) (Educational Programs) and [Cantigny Park](#) (Notable Not-for Profits).

Earlier this month, the DuPage CVB was also selected as [Editor’s Pick for Best Convention and Visitors Bureau Outside Chicago](#) by *Illinois Meetings + Events* magazine.

For more information and photos from these events, please contact the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau at 630.575.8070 or [by email](#).

### **About the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau**

Established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987, the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois as the official agency to promote the county’s multi-billion dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as a destination for visitors, conventions and economic development.

### **About DuPage County**

DuPage County is the second most populous county in Illinois after Cook County, which borders it to the north and east. Together, the two counties account for half of the state’s population. One of the nation’s wealthiest counties, DuPage is rich in many types of commerce and is second only to Cook in tourism revenue. With its well-developed highway and mass transit system, DuPage is easily accessible from both O’Hare and Midway Airports, and the City of Chicago.

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