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- Note:** The main purpose of the meeting is to consider the need for joint working in the areas of LBS and API. The meeting follows after the ISO/TC 204 plenary meeting in Chicago. Please see attached information on the location.
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**INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE MEETING OF
ISO TC 204 TICS
October 7 - 11, 2002
Chicago, Illinois, USA**

1. LOCATION OF THE MEETINGS

The meeting of the ISO TC 204 "Transport Information and Control Systems" will be held at:

Millenium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago

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USA

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For hotel reservations and information, please contact the hotel directly (see below for rates and other hotel-related information such as reservation cut-off).

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2. VENUE

The Millenium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago is a stately and luxurious four-diamond hotel conveniently located just off Chicago's famed "Magnificent Mile." The hotel's location provides an excellent environment for meeting, museums, shopping and entertainment. The hotel is 30 minutes from O'Hare International and Midway Airports. Continental Express Airport Shuttle buses run at scheduled intervals.

Detailed information about the hotel, services and facilities, as well as surrounding attractions is available on the hotel website.

<http://www.millenium-hotel.com>

Note: On certain travel web sites, the hotel appears by its former name "Regal Knickerbocker Hotel."

3. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Delegates are advised to make their own hotel directly with the Millenium Knickerbocker Hotel.

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees. To take advantage of the discounted ISO/TC 204 room rates, please identify yourself as an attendee of the “**ITS America – ISO/TC204**” meeting at time of reservation.

The room rates are \$169 single / \$189 double (excluding tax).

Room reservations must be made by **September 16, 2002** to take advantage of the discounted rate. Late reservations will be based on upon availability and may be considerably higher.

Please contact the hotel directly.

Note: For your convenience, ALL meetings (Working Groups, CHOD and Plenary meetings) will be held at the **Millenium Knickerbocker Hotel**.

4. TRANSPORTATION

From/To O’Hare International Airport:

O’Hare International Airport is located 20 miles northwest of Chicago’s downtown area. Transportation to/from the hotel is available by taxi, Airport Express Shuttle, or Public Transportation. Depending on traffic and time of day, the trip to downtown Chicago may take 30-40 minutes.

Taxi: Approximately \$35-40. Check with the taxicab coordinator at the airport taxi stand for assistance and information.

Shuttle: Continental Airport Express Shuttle offers a one-way service for \$20 (or \$36 roundtrip). Discounts are available for two or more passengers travelling to the same destination. For two passengers, one-way service is available for \$15 per person.

Tickets may be purchased from the Continental Airport Shuttle Express kiosk outside the International Terminal, or counters located across the baggage claim area in the Domestic Terminal.

Advance Reservations may also be made through the Continental Airport Express web site www.airportexpress.com

Public Transportation: The Chicago Transit Authority’s (CTA) Blue Line Train connects O’Hare with several stops in the downtown area. Route information and a trip planner are available at CTA’s web site, www.yourcta.com For route planning purposes, the hotel is listed under its former name as “Regal Knickerbocker Hotel”, as a landmark on the web site’s Trip Planner.

From/To Chicago Midway Airport:

Chicago Midway Airport is located 10 miles from downtown Chicago. This airport does not offer international connections. Transportation to/from the hotel is available by taxi, Airport Express Shuttle, or Public Transportation.

Taxi: Approximately \$25.

Shuttle: Continental Airport Express Shuttle offers a one-way service for \$15

(or \$27 roundtrip). Shuttles depart every 15 minutes. Discounts are available for two or more passengers travelling to the same destination. For two passengers, one-way service is available for \$12 per person.

Tickets may be purchased from the counter located across the Southwest Airlines counter.

Advance Reservations may also be made through the Continental Airport Express web site at www.airportexpress.com

Public Transportation: The Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Orange Line Train connects Midway Airport with several stops in the downtown area. Route information and a trip planner are available at CTA's web site, www.yourcta.com For route planning purposes, the hotel is listed under its former name as "Regal Knickerbocker Hotel", as a landmark on the web site's Trip Planner.

5. MEETING REGISTRATION

Delegates are requested to complete and return the attached MEETING REGISTRATION FORM by **September 16, 2002**.

Please register so we can get an accurate head count for meeting room requirements, the social event and other logistics. Also, please print legibly so we can print your name badge accurately.

6. MEETING TIMETABLE

The meeting timetable and room allocation will be confirmed at a later date.

7. MEETING REGISTRATION, SECRETARIAT AND INFORMATION DESK

The Registration, Secretariat and Information Desk will be located in the hotel and location information will be prominently posted.

8. VISITING THE U.S.

8.1 PASSPORT AND VISAS

Foreign citizens who wish to stay in the United States temporarily, whether for tourism, business, study, or medical reasons, must generally have a visa issued by the U.S. Department of State. Please check with your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate for information well in advance of departing for Hawaii to allow enough time for visa and processing. The TC204 Secretariat will provide documents for participants at request; please contact Ms. Pat Copelin at pcopelin@sae.org

Please note that processing for Visa Applications to the U.S. is taking longer than usual. If you require a Visa, please apply as early as possible.

8.2 CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

You may exchange currency and cash traveler's checks at airports, banks and hotels. Large hotels, department stores and restaurants honor major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, JCB, etc. Small shops, restaurants and public transportation may take only cash.

8.3 INSURANCE

Delegates are advised to secure travel, medical, personal accident and baggage insurance in their own country prior to departure.

8.4 ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

Electricity in the United States is 110 volts, 60 Hz.

9. REPRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Delegates are reminded that the Organizing Committee cannot provide spare copies of previously circulated documents. Delegates should obtain a complete set of documents beforehand and bring them to the meeting. In case of tabled documents, delegates should bring sufficient copies to the meeting for all delegations, the chairman and secretariat.

10. SOCIAL EVENT

A Social Event is planned for all delegates and accompanying persons on Thursday, October 10, 2002. The event will be held at the Museum of Broadcast Communications at the Chicago Cultural Center. Details for this event will be available at a later date.

Registration to the Social Event for delegates and their guests is REQUIRED.

