

Help Liz plan CFUnited 2009 and Results so far

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I'm the decision maker for CFUnited 2009! But I need help! I want to make this event a cut above the rest and it is up to you to let me know what you want.

I recently sent an email to all my alumni over the past 10 years and I've gotten almost 150 responses back since last night. Keep voting to make a change for 2009!

<http://cfunited.com/go/survey/164>

So far the results mention:

Most of you travel by plane then catch a shuttle and some travel by car to stay at the hotel

Most of you prefer a hotel with a conference center within but wouldn't mind a resort with a conference center.

Most people think the price for a night's stay should be around \$175 per night

In order of rank the popular dates are: #1 - June 24th

#2 - July 29th

#3 - July 15th

#4 - July 8th

#5 - July 22nd

#6 - August 5th

#7 - August 12th

#8 - August 19th

#9 - July 1st

An Important Note: The closer to June the event is the more expensive the hotel and the more limited the choices.

The general feeling I get is that everyone wants something more affordable and cozier. Most wouldn't mind date changes as long as the sessions rock.

There is a big divide on location. Most want the event along metro lines and a lot of you want a different scenery than DC. I think as long as it is near an airport and plenty of parking, you'll be happy (maybe even a free shuttle from metro lines to the hotel would be ok); however, the sessions have to be amazing and you want plenty of time to network. You say the budget should be spent on internet, food and fluids, and audio visual.

I think what I'll do is keep looking at the results until October 8th. Analyze with my staff and advisory board. I've already sent out the RFP to 15 locations to bid on. I'm looking into a few others. I may narrow the proposals down to 3 locations based on all the feedback and let the community vote one last time on those three locations.

This really opened my eyes. Thanks everyone! Keep voting!