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“We are thrilled to welcome all the state games member organizations and the National Senior

Game Association staff to Cleveland for the 2013 National Senior Games conference. This will be a monumental event for our region that will attract more than 14,000 athletes and 20,000 plus friends and family, resulting in an estimated $35 million economic impact. The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission appreciates the opportunity to host such a remarkable event and looks forward to collaborative efforts that will be instrumental to exceeding expectations for all," stated David Gilbert, President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.

The conference, meetings and educational sessions will take place at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Venue tours are scheduled for Friday, January 27th and will introduce members to the various sports facilities including: Victory Sports Park (softball), Case Western Reserve University (horseshoes, track and field, volleyball), Cleveland State University (basketball, pickleball, racquetball, swimming, tennis) and Cleveland Public Auditorium (badminton, shuffleboard, table tennis).

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The 2013 National Senior Games will welcome over 14,000 athletes ages 50+ from across the United States to participate in 19 medal-contending sports from July 21-August 5, 2013 in various venues across Northeast Ohio. A Year of Vitality community programming series will also encompass the event, promoting active lifestyles for all with activities and educational opportunities. Kicking off in July 2012 and leading up to the Games, the series will include mostly free activities and special events for people over age 50. For more information on the 2013 National Senior Games, please visit www.cleveland2013.com .