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Top Associations Invited to Meet America's Leading Speakers at International Convention

Washington, D.C. — **August 23, 2025** — Some of the nation's most powerful associations will convene in Washington, D.C., on August 14, 2026 to meet America's leading speakers at the upcoming International Convention. Representing billions in economic activity and millions of members, these organizations span science, medicine, energy, business, and public service.

Trade & Professional Associations

Invited leaders include the American Chemical Society, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), Association of American Medical Colleges, American Petroleum Institute (API), and Stand Together.

Nonprofit & Membership Leaders

Top nonprofits and institutions headquartered in Washington include the **American National Red Cross**, **Gavi Alliance**, **Georgetown University**, and the **Smithsonian Institution**, joined by influential groups such as **AARP** and **Children's Hospital**.

Regional & Business Forums

The **Greater Washington Board of Trade** and **The Economic Club of Washington, D.C.** will connect civic, academic, and business leaders across the capital region.

Specialized Industry & Leadership Groups

Also participating: Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world's largest law enforcement leadership association.

This gathering highlights the strength of America's associations—organizations that fuel innovation, advocacy, and leadership across every sector of society.

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