

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

525 Arch Street | Independence Mall
Philadelphia | PA 19106 | T 215 409 6600 | F 215 409 6650
www.constitutioncenter.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Denise Venuti Free
Director of Public Relations
215.409.6636
dvfree@constitutioncenter.org

RIDE LIKE LINCOLN CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER, AMTRAK AND LOEWS HOTELS

Philadelphia, PA (June 6, 2005) – The National Constitution Center is joining forces with Amtrak and Loews Hotels to offer a **Ride Like Lincoln** web contest celebrating the Center's new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The Grand prize winner and three companions will enjoy a special rail and hotel vacation package valued at over \$1,500.

Ride Like Lincoln asks participants to help Abe complete his famous 18 Stop Train Ride of 1861 for a chance to win a free trip for four (coach accommodations) for travel between any Amtrak destinations within the New York/Washington, DC corridor and an overnight stay at a participating Loews Hotel. The winner will also receive a one-year Freedom Family Membership to the National Constitution Center. Four runners-up will be selected at random to win Lincoln Family Fun Packs, which include four tickets to the Constitution Center and other prizes.

From June 1 through August 31, 2005, people can log onto www.constitutioncenter.org for their chance to win. Participants can try their hand at completing Lincoln's famous train ride on a virtual map. All those who correctly complete Lincoln's journey from Springfield, IL to Washington, D.C. will then be entered into the sweepstakes to win. Winner will be selected on September 1, 2005 and notified by phone. (No purchase necessary. Anyone can enter but the prize claiming winner must be 18 or older. Complete contest rules are available at www.constitutioncenter.org.)

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, the National Constitution Center's first traveling exhibition, is open from June 10 through November 4, 2005. Developed in partnership with The Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in cooperation with the Abraham Lincoln

-MORE-

RIDE LIKE LINCOLN CONTEST/ADD ONE

Bicentennial Commission, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, is a 2,500-square-foot exhibition that highlights the three constitutional crises that Lincoln faced as President – secession, slavery and civil liberties during the Civil War. The exhibition explores how one individual, who was deeply committed to the belief that citizens can make a real difference, exercised leadership at a pivotal time of crisis for the nation, the Constitution, and the course of freedom worldwide.

Admission to the Lincoln exhibition is included with the National Constitution Center's regular admission fee of \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel, and \$5.50 for groups of 20 or more. Children ages 3 and under are free. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

About Amtrak

Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail services to more than 500 destinations in 46 states on a 22,000-mile route system. For schedules, fares and information, passengers may call 800-USA-RAIL or visit Amtrak.com.

About Loews Hotels

Headquartered in New York City, Loews Hotels owns and/or operates 19 hotels and resorts in the U.S. and Canada. Loews boasts some of the industry's most innovative and successful travel programs, including Loews Loves Kids for families, T. Loews for demanding teenagers, Generation G catering to the growing "grand-travel" market and Loews Loves Pets for the most discerning animals. Loews Hotels has one-of-a-kind four-diamond properties in major city centers and resort destinations from coast to coast, each offering a unique travel experience that reflects its location. For reservations or more information on Loews Hotels, call 1-800-23-LOEWS or check www.loewshotels.com.

About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

###