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Miami Site Saved GOP \$1.7 Million

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The Republican party saved \$1.8 million by moving its national convention to Miami Beach from San Diego, convention coordinator Robert F. Knowles said yesterday.

Knowles, a Wisconsin state senator, said the GOP expects to spend about \$1.7 million on the convention, which begins in three weeks.

This is less than half the \$3.5 million expected to be spent in San Diego and less than the \$2 million the Democrats spent earlier this month.

One of the requirements in San Diego was a \$795,000 remodeling project for the Sports Arena to accommodate news media, support services and party offices.

A less important factor was the cost-sharing with the Democrats, Knowles said. Among the items on which the parties split the cost was a \$111,000 podium and press seating area.

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