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## **2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Registration Opens February 19**

CHICAGO – Registration for the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will open at noon (CST) on Tuesday, February 19, at [www.chicagomarathon.com](http://www.chicagomarathon.com). The 36<sup>th</sup> annual event will be held on Columbus Day weekend, Sunday, October 13, starting and finishing in Chicago's Grant Park. Registration will be open to the first 45,000 entrants.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is one of the six World Marathon Majors, which rank as the most prestigious marathons in the world. It is an international attraction that has become one of Chicago's largest tourism vehicles, and is also a source of civic pride, with an estimated 1.7 million spectators lining the course that runs through 29 distinct and culturally vibrant neighborhoods, spanning the city's North, West, and South Sides. Each year, the event delivers a fast course, a first-class race experience, and builds upon a longstanding tradition of supporting the Chicago economy and more than 160 nonprofit organizations which raise funds to advance local, national, and global causes.

The cost of entry into the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon is \$175 for U.S. participants and \$200 for participants outside of the U.S. Registration will close when the 45,000-participant capacity is reached. More information on the race, registration, and how to get involved is available at [www.chicagomarathon.com](http://www.chicagomarathon.com).

### About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 36<sup>th</sup> year and a member of the World Marathon Majors, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon annually attracts 45,000 participants, including a world-class elite runner and wheelchair athlete field, and an estimated 1.7 million spectators. As a result of its national and international draw, the iconic race assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating \$219 million in annual economic impact to its host city according to a report by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (R.E.A.L.). The 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 13. In advance of the race, a two-day Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12.

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