Every year NCORE staff project two years into the future to review cities as candidates as possible locations for the national NCORE conference. Many items are considered when making the selection:

- **Location** - Where has the conference been during the past 5 years and where have we not been? Would this location reach a critical mass of interested participants?
- **Local Support** - Do we have a commitment from local organizations, schools and government to support and welcome the event? Would NCORE have a positive impact?
- **Venue** - Are there hotels with enough rooms and meeting space for our large event? Will we need to branch out into a convention center?
- **Costs** - Can we negotiate an acceptable room rate for participants, based on governmental and state per Diem rates?
- **Access** - Is there a major airline hub to make travel both easy and affordable? Is the venue location near to restaurants, shops and entertainment venues?

For the city of Fort Worth and the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex the answer was yes.

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01) San Francisco (.687)
02) Houston (.676)
03) Los Angeles (.664)
04) Miami (.663)
**05) Dallas/Fort Worth (.618)**
06) Chicago (.605)
07) Washington (.604)
08) Atlanta (.599)
09) New York (.595)
10) Philadelphia (.494)