

## **Willis Tower Named “100 Great Things About America” By FORTUNE**

**CHICAGO – July 6, 2011** – Baseball, the internet and apple pie are just a sampling of the things that make America great. Now, the list of what’s great about America has a few more additions, including Willis Tower. This month, FORTUNE Magazine published its “100 Great Things About America” list, which features Chicago’s iconic Willis Tower.

“For decades, Willis Tower has been recognized the world over as a defining icon of Chicago and America,” said Randy Stancik, Vice President of U.S. Equities Asset Management, which manages Willis Tower. “From its architectural significance, to its status as the tallest building in North America, Willis Tower is truly a shining example of what makes America so great.”

The list includes a wide-range of entries, from the interstate highway system to Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, that truly define what’s best of American culture. Willis Tower checked in at number three on this year’s list.

At 110 stories, Willis Tower is Chicago’s signature office building. Perched on the 103<sup>rd</sup> floor is Skydeck Chicago, which offers visitors unobstructed views of the city and up to four states from the north, south, east, and west. The Ledge adds a fifth view 1,350 feet straight down from a series of glass bays that extend from the west side of the building. Skydeck draws more than 1.3 million visitors annually.

Now in its second year, the “100 Great Things About America” list is a way to celebrate some of the country’s greatness while profiling 100 things that contribute to the tangible and intangible success and well-being of America.

For more information on Willis Tower, please visit [willistower.com](http://willistower.com). For more information on Skydeck Chicago, please visit [theskydeck.com](http://theskydeck.com) or connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @SkydeckChicago.

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### **About U.S. Equities Asset Management, LLC**

U.S. Equities Asset Management, LLC, is a leading full-service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Chicago. The company serves as a strategic real estate advisor to clients throughout the United States and Latin America, providing development, program management, build-to-suit and construction oversight services; asset management and leasing; tenant representation, consulting and advisory services; and acquisition, disposition and financing of real estate assets. The asset management services group provides asset oversight, property and facility management, marketing and leasing, and strategic planning to a diverse group of clients. Currently, the portfolio includes more than 400 properties totaling over 30 million square feet of office, retail, institutional, dormitory, facility and residential management services for approximately 50 clients, including 2.5 million square feet of management assignments along Chicago’s famous Michigan Avenue. For more information, visit [www.usequities.com](http://www.usequities.com).



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### **About Willis Tower**

Willis Tower is the premier corporate office building in Chicago, offering more than 4.5 million square feet of office and retail space. Located in Chicago's West Loop at 233 S. Wacker Drive, the skyscraper is easily accessible from the commuter rail stations, highways and all forms of public transportation. Standing 1,450 feet and 110 stories tall, Willis Tower is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere and an integral part of Chicago's culture. Originally opened in September 1973, it is home to more than 100 different companies, including prominent financial services firms, law firms and insurance companies. Willis Tower boasts spectacular vistas of Chicago, with views that can reach nearly 50 miles on a clear day. Willis Tower also boasts a tremendous infrastructure system, which includes enormous telecommunications capacity and unsurpassed electrical capacity and reliability. Skydeck Chicago on the Willis Tower's 103rd floor attracts more than one million visitors per year. For more information, visit [www.willistower.com](http://www.willistower.com)