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**Tina Volpe**  
**Marketplace Executive, CivicFest**



As the marketplace executive for CivicFest, Tina Volpe is charged with overseeing vendor operations for the 60,000-square-foot Marketplace, which will be held in conjunction with CivicFest. The Marketplace will showcase a variety of products with an emphasis on merchandise that is locally produced and designed, as well as made in the U.S.A. The Marketplace also will include a 6,000-square-foot CivicFest Store that will sell official merchandise, souvenirs and collectibles for the 2008 Republican National Convention, Minneapolis Saint Paul 2008 Host Committee and CivicFest.

Volpe's event and marketing experience spans many different industries, including retail, technology, diversity marketing and sports marketing. Prior to joining the Minneapolis Saint Paul 2008 Host Committee, Volpe worked for a property management group overseeing the marketing function for a retail mall.

In 2006 Volpe served as the chair of the city of Hugo, Minn., Centennial Commission. She is currently serving as the 2009 chair-elect on the board of directors for the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce and on the executive committee for the 2009 Governor's Fishing Opener.

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