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## **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Tour to visit Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Kansas**

### ***One-of-a-kind “Abraham Lincoln: Self Made in America” mobile exhibit touring the nation in honor of his Bicentennial***

*ABILENE* – Abraham Lincoln’s legacy is on the move to Abilene, Kansas.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to host the “Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” Bicentennial Tour, a mobile museum exhibit developed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield, Illinois. The mobile museum will stop at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas on May 12, where people are encouraged to visit free of charge. The exhibit will travel the United States over the next two years inspiring visitors with the story of Lincoln’s life and accomplishments. The only exhibit of its type in the country, the mobile museum uses an engaging mixture of interactive elements, graphics, facsimile documents and artifacts inside a 53-foot long, double expandable trailer to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial.

“The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum’s success attracting 1.5 million visitors to Springfield in just three years has been remarkable, but many interested in the life and times of our 16<sup>th</sup> President have yet to make the trip,” said ALPLM Executive Director Rick Beard. “With this mobile exhibit, we are bringing the legacy of Abraham Lincoln to the people and offering visitors a taste of the experience they will have when they visit the Springfield museum.”

“Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America” will be on display in the north parking lot at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum from 9:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. on May 12. Area schools as well as interested persons are encouraged to visit this special exhibit.

The exhibition examines Lincoln’s life from his poor beginnings to his ascension to the presidency and his assassination. Highlights include a visual recreation of Lincoln’s 1861 Farewell Address from a train car in Springfield as he left for the White House, and the award-winning “The Civil War in Four Minutes” video presentation.

The “Self-Made in America” mobile exhibit was funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Bureau of Tourism, with corporate sponsorships being sought. It was developed by ALPLM curators and historians working in concert with Mobility Resource Associates ([www.goMRA.com](http://www.goMRA.com)), a Michigan-based leader in creating custom mobile exhibition tours. The exhibit debuted April 27 at the American Association of Museums Convention in Denver, and is visiting key Bicentennial events through August 2010, as well as the 2008 national political conventions, major sporting events, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and other venues.

For up-to-the-minute tour dates and locations, additional information about the mobile exhibit, or to learn more about the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, visit [www.abelincolnmuseum.org](http://www.abelincolnmuseum.org).

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