

## **Newsletter**



Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Mexico

**April 2015** 

#### Verizon Arena Hosts 2015 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament





Verizon Arena in North Little Rock, AR hosted the 35th edition of the SEC women's basketball tournament March 4th through March 8th. This marks the fourth year for the venue to host the tournament including 2003, 2006, 2009. The tournament consisted of 5 rounds and included all 14 SEC teams. South Carolina defeated Tennessee 62-46 in the final game to take home the 2015 SEC Championship.

#### **Curtis Culwell Center Receives Honors**

The Curtis Culwell Center received Venues Today's "Spirit Award" for hosting nine cheerleading events in 2014. These competitions saw over 50,000 patrons visit the CCC to cheer on the participants. The Curtis Culwell Center also received Top 5 Stops honors in the category of Texas venues between 5,001 and 10,000 capacity.

As the summer months approach, the CCC is making preparations to host 32 collegiate and high school graduations. The graduation season will bring over 15,000 graduates and 200,000 guests through the doors.

### Berry Center to Host Season 7 of American Ninja Warriors



The Berry Center was chosen as the Houston site for Season 7 of American Ninja Warriors for NBC and the Esquire Network. Caman Productions, Inc. rented the facility to utilize the Berry Center façade as the backdrop for this heart-racing competition series. The production company occupied the front plaza and parking lot of the arena portion of the facility for 10 days and used the stadium as the background for Ninja interviews.

Many of the staff were able to attempt to complete some of the devises with little success. They all agreed it was SOOOO much harder than it looks.

The action-packed series follows competitors as they tackle the world's most difficult obstacle courses in qualifying and finals rounds, with the national finals round in Las Vegas, on a four-stage course modeled after the famed Mt. Midoriyama. The new series begins on Monday, May 25. The Berry Center should be the site for the June 1 qualifying episode and again in July for the local finals.

## The Broadmoor World Arena, Pikes Peak Center for the Performing arts and the World Arena Ice Hall Seeks Event Services Coordinator

Under direction of the Director of Event Services, this Full Time position will perform all tasks necessary in the coordination of Broadmoor World Arena and Pikes Peak Center events. (Continued, page 2...)

This position creates and communicates the schedule for the Part Time Guest Services staff. Candidate must be organized; detail-oriented and demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills. Candidates must be able and willing to work a varied schedule which may include nights, overnights, weekends, holidays, extended work hours and extended numbers of days.

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# The Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City is hiring for the position of Box Office Supervisor

This position is located in the Civic Center Division, which includes the Civic Center Music Hall and the Rose State Performing Arts Center, of the Parks and Recreation Department with the City of Oklahoma City and is under the direction of the an immediate supervisor. The Box Office Supervisor is responsible for supervising box office operations, implementing business procedures, and assisting Box Office Manager with all box office locations operated by the Civic Center facility. Full description, requirements, benefits, and applications available online at <a href="http://careercenter.intix.org/jobs/7032721/box-office-supervisor">http://careercenter.intix.org/jobs/7032721/box-office-supervisor</a>. Online applications will be accepted through May 4, 2015.

### **INTRUST Bank Arena Seeking Director of Event Services**

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Ensure successful event coordination activities by supervising and training Event staff. Plan, organize and assign day-to-day work assignments for Event Services Department personnel including Event Manager, Event Coordinator(s), Guest Relations Manager and Security personnel.
- Direct, supervise and schedule event coordination and services, event staffing, , security, crowd and risk management, police, fire and safety personnel, and ADA compliance.
- Responsible for all summaries of events produced by the Event Services Department.
- Develop operating procedures that conform to corporate standards, customized to the specific needs of the facility and consistent with the goals and objectives of the client, facility and corporation.
- Manage subordinate supervisors who oversee employees in various functions. Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring and training employees; planning, assigning and directing work; appraising performance; rewarding and disciplining employees; and addressing complaints and resolving problems.
- Attend department head meetings. Conduct production meetings and weekly staff meetings to discuss procedures, problems and changes. Develop and maintain a harmonious working relationship with all of the other departments.
- Authorize the requisition of equipment and supplies within budget guidelines.
- Guarantee all codes, laws, ordinances, policies, procedures, risk management, safety precautions, rules, regulations and emergency procedures are followed. Develop program to train all employees on fire/life safety and emergency procedures.

#### **Education and/or Experience**

- Bachelor's degree from accredited four-year college or university
- Eight to ten years related experience and/or training in the public assembly industry or combination of education and experience.
- Supervisory or management experience.
- Experience working with and supervising 24 hour in-house security, preferred.

For the complete job description, please visit www.intrustbankarena.com/arena info/employment.

Apply to:

SMG/INTRUST Bank Arena

500 E. Waterman Wichita, KS 67202

Recruiter: Kim Hillard

Fax: 316-440-9199 Email: careers@intrustbankarena.com

### **INTRUST Bank Arena Seeking Operations Manager**

#### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assists the director in directing, supervising and scheduling all aspects of operations, including; event
  conversions; building and grounds; technical services; event services, including ADA compliance; public
  safety; security; custodial services and parking departments.
- Coordinates the operations activities with other building departments and show-related contractors.
- Implement facility rules, regulation policies and procedures.
- Anticipate problems and appropriate solutions. Investigates, analyzes and resolves operational problems and complaints.
- Provide clear, concise, and timely communication of directives to other departments.
- Ensures that operations department receives pertinent information for most effective use of the facility and staffing.
- Assures facility readiness and smooth operation of events.
- Manages subordinate supervisors in any of the following departments: Changeover, Housekeeping, Operations, and Production.

#### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- High school diploma/GED, Bachelor's Degree or Technical College Degree or a combination of school and work experience, some college preferred.
- Minimum of 2 years experience in Supervising or Managing within a venue.

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### **INTRUST Bank Arena Seeks IT Manager**

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Manage financial aspects of the IT department, including purchasing, budgeting and budget review.
- Keep current with the latest technologies.
- Develop training programs that insure that all staff members are proficient in operating and maintaining computer and phone systems.
- Develop, implement, document and maintain effective facility maintenance policies, procedures and programs. To include PM on all computer software and hardware, and all phone systems.
- Manage and provide cause for proper control and care of computer and phone inventories of supplies, spare parts, shop tools
  and equipment. Over see and provide cause for proper maintenance shop(s) conditions to be maintained to safe working
  conditions, safe working procedures, and in a clean and orderly work environment.
- Prepare and provide to management team specific reports and documents. To include, but not limited to, work schedules, purchase request orders, department operating budget, capital improvement budget projects, special project reports, updates and/or recommendations, and event reports.
- Oversee related contracted maintenance agreements. Develop bid specifications, renewal agreements, and manage all other related items to insure that acceptable and quality performance levels are achieved.

#### **Education and/or Experience:**

- Bachelor's degree in Information Technology related field preferred.
- Strong technical knowledge of telecommunications, POS installation and updates, network and PC operating systems.
- Strong technical knowledge of current network hardware, protocols and standards.

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### **Destination El Paso Open Positions**

#### **Executive Chef**

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#### **Convention Sales Manager**

http://www.visitelpaso.com/contact/jobs/23-convention-sales-manager

#### Food and Beverage Inventory Warehouse Manager

http://www.visitelpaso.com/contact/jobs/49-food-beverage-inventory-warehouse-manager

## BBVA COMPASS STADIUM, AN AEG FACILITIES VENUE, SEEKS TO FILL TWO POSITIONS

Visit the Teamwork Online posting <u>here</u> to apply for Manager, Event Services. Responsible for major events and third party events held within the stadium. Proficiency in AutoCAD a plus.

Visit the Teamwork Online posting <u>here</u> to apply for Manager, Security. Responsible for the 24-hour security and event security operations of BBVA Compass Stadium, including but not limited to risk management, loss prevention, fire/life safety, security/safety training, investigations, budgeting, emergency preparedness, disaster prevention, and personnel management.

### Cirque du Soleil presented UTEP Centennial Award



Cirque du Soleil visited The University of Texas at El Paso's (UTEP) Don Haskins Center for a five day, seven show, performance of Varekai on March 18-22. The Canadian acrobatic company received the UTEP's Special Events Centennial Award, bestowed on major performers visiting the university's venues in commemoration of UTEP's Centennial celebration. The award itself – one-of-a-kind crystal pickaxe tinted with the university's orange hue – was created to represent UTEP as a beacon of knowledge, productivity and inspiration.

### The Monsters roar into the UTEP Sun Bowl Stadium



The University of Texas at El Paso Office of Special Events and Feld Entertainment welcomed more than 70,000 fans to its Sun Bowl Stadium for a two-day Monster Jam event March 7-8, 2015

## BOK CENTER TO HELP LAUNCH OFFICIAL SXSW MUSIC DAY EVENT, TULSA BOOM FACTORY

(**Tulsa, Okla.**) **March 6, 2015 -** Since opening in 2008, BOK Center has hosted the world's greatest entertainers. Now the iconic venue is taking the show on the road to Austin, Texas. SMG is partnering with VisitTulsa and the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation to create "Tulsa Boom Factory," a new event that will officially be part of the South By Southwest Festival and Conference (SXSW), an annual event in Austin that showcases cutting edge music, film, and interactive talent to a global audience. This new official SXSW music day party will take place on Wednesday, March 18 at the Palm Door on Sixth from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will promote Tulsa's thriving music scene and startup community while featuring 11 Tulsa-based bands on two stages.

"At SMG, we believe Tulsa is one of the greatest live music destinations in the world. We possess a rich musical history and are fortunate to have stellar venues of all sizes to nurture and grow talent from The Vanguard and Cain's Ballroom all the way up to our BOK Center," said Jeff Nickler, General Manager of BOK Center. "We got involved with Tulsa Boom Factory first and foremost because we feel it is important to promote our city as a hub for music and entertainment. SXSW is the perfect venue to showcase Tulsa's vibrant music scene, innovation and spirit of entrepreneurship to hundreds of thousands of people."

Performing on BOK Center/SMG main stage will be Alaska & Madi (of *The Voice*), Capitol Cars, The Fabulous Minx, Bandelier, Native Lights and headlining the main stage will be Nuns, who were selected as an official SXSW 2015 band. Performing on the Woody Guthrie Center's singer/songwriter outdoor stage will be Paul Benjaman, Mark Gibson, Phil Marshall, Eric Himan and Desi & Cody.

VisitTulsa spearheaded the creation of this new Tulsa Boom Factory concept and will be on site in Austin promoting the city as a destination and place to live and thrive. "VisitTulsa is excited to promote these Tulsa-based bands and creatives in Austin as part of its newly-incorporated Tulsa Film, Music, Arts & Culture office," said Ray Hoyt, President of VisitTulsa. "Tulsa Boom Factory aims to highlight our incredibly talented musicians, as well as our startup community and is a great way to show SXSW attendees that you can make your own way in Tulsa."

The Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation got involved with the event as an opportunity to showcase Tulsa's burgeoning start-up community. Last year the grant making non-profit organization launched Cultivate918, a group with the goal of empowering Tulsa entrepreneurs who are building a strong, cohesive community and to support and implement innovative ideas that work. LTFF saw a chance to put the spotlight on Cultivate918 at SXSW.

"We are ecstatic to be part of the inaugural Tulsa Boom Factory," said Elizabeth Frame Ellison, Executive Director of LTFF. "We believe it will highlight the variety of entrepreneurial activities happening in Tulsa in the manufacturing, arts, health, and technology sectors. With several local startups headed to Austin to showcase their products, we hope that SXSW attendees will see why Tulsa is consistently rated as a top place to live, work, create and play."

Highlighted Tulsa-based startups at the event will include Ramblen, SkaterTrainer, and MachineParty.

In addition to SMG, VisitTulsa and the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation/Cultivate918, Tulsa Boom Factory at SXSW 2015 is made possible because of the generosity of sponsors including The Woody Guthrie Center, Signal Factory and Cubic. Community partners include Center of the Universe Festival and XPO.

Along with the Tulsa Boom Factory event, VisitTulsa has also been instrumental in planning the *Meet Oklahoma* tradeshow booth with the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. The Oklahoma presence at the SXSW tradeshow will take place March 15-18 at the Austin Convention Center, and will promote Oklahoma to more than 65,000 tradeshow attendees. In addition to the tradeshow booth, an *Okie Meet Up* reception is also planned for March 16 to network with those with Oklahoma connections.



#### **BOK CENTER RANKED AS #1 TOP STOP IN THE MIDWEST**

(**Tulsa, Okla.**) **March 24, 2015** – The SMG-managed BOK Center ranked #1 in the Midwest in 2014 according to *Venue's Today* 2014 Top Stops for venues with seating capacities of 15,001 or more. The rankings, announced in the April edition of the trade publication, are based on concert and event gross ticket sales from February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 as reported to *Venue's Today*.

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"It was an incredible year for BOK Center. We couldn't have continued success without such great support from the Tulsa community and the ticket buyers who help us sell out show after show," said Jeff Nickler BOK Center General Manager. "We are very appreciative of the artists and promoters who continue to think of BOK Center as a must play venue. This #1 ranking is a direct reflection of the hard work that our entire team put forth this year."

In 2014, BOK Center hosted multiple sold out shows including Cher (March 29), George Strait (April 19), Bruno Mars (June 4), Katy Perry (October 6) and Eric Church (November 1). The venue also hosted the City of Tulsa's first televised UFC event in August and a sold out One Direction show in September, which was the only arena show on the stadium tour of North America. In January 2015, BOK Center hosted seven sold out Garth Brooks performances over a span of six nights.

*Venue's Today* is the leading source of original reporting for live entertainment and events, serving management, owners and suppliers to music, sports and meetings venues internationally. Venues ranking in the top five of the Venue's Today Top Stops were XCel Energy Center (St. Paul, Minn.), Target Center (Minneapolis, Minn.), Chesapeake Energy Arena (Oklahoma City, Okla.) and Wells Fargo Arena (Des Moines, Iowa).

## BOK CENTER ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER RECEIVES INDUSTRY AWARD

(Tulsa, Okla.) April 1, 2015 – The SMG-managed BOK Center is proud to announce that *Venue's Today* Magazine has named Casey Sparks, BOK Center Assistant General Manager, as one of five recipients of the 2015 Generation Next Award. The award honors influential young leaders 35 or younger who make a difference in sports, music, conventions, family shows and festivals.

"There's no question of Casey's passion for this industry. She constantly motivates those around her at BOK Center and is a natural leader," said BOK Center General Manager Jeff Nickler. "Her passion and enthusiasm for her work make her more than deserving of this award and we couldn't be more proud of her."

In January 2015, Sparks led the BOK Center team through a successful Garth Brooks residency of seven sold-out-shows. Brooks' visit to his hometown of Tulsa generated enormous national media attention and his performances set a venue record for the most tickets sold by a single artist with over 130,000 total tickets sold. The highlight of his two-week residency was a Saturday night of back-to-back performances. The two shows in one night welcomed over 36,000 fans through the doors and Sparks was at the helm of it all making sure that everything ran as smoothly as possible.

"It's truly an honor to be recognized as an influential leader in an industry that is bursting with so much talent," said Sparks.

"There are many people throughout my career that have contributed to my success. The current staff at BOK Center is no exception. Without them always striving to be the best and keeping BOK Center as a top-notch venue, I wouldn't have even been considered for this award. It belongs as much to them as it does to me."

The other four recipients of the 2015 Generation Next Award include Russell Gordon, Sr. Director Events and Venue Operations at Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE, Gunnar Fox, General Manager of Global Spectrum - PPL Center, David Farrar, General Manager of SMG-managed Santander Arena & Performing Arts Center and Rebecca Bolton, General Manager of Global Spectrum - Las Cruces Convention Center.

The Generation Next Award winners were determined by vote through *Venue's Today* subscribers and staff and will be profiled in the June issue of *Venue's Today* Magazine.

## **Enid Event Center and Convention Hall names new Executive Chef, Food and Beverage Team**



Global Spectrum, the managers of Enid Event Center and Convention Hall, have named Chef Todd "Bear" Cohen, as the new Executive Chef and Director of Food and Beverage of the facility. Along with Chef Bear, the facility announces Brandon Schofield as the new Kitchen Manager, and Rachel Hoffsommer as Banquet Manager. (Continued, page7...)

"Chef Bear, Brandon, and Rachel bring many years of experience to our team and exemplify the quality food and beverage product that we will produce and present at the facilities," said Global Spectrum's Keller Taylor, General Manager of Enid Event Center and Convention Hall. "Clients have already taken notice of the elevated level of service, presentation, and food quality and we are excited for all of our other clients to experience it firsthand."

#### **About Chef Bear**

Originally from Ripley, Mississippi, he has spent time in Kansas City, Missouri as well as Tulsa, Oklahoma. Chef Bear is married with four kids and three grandkids. He has been in the food and beverage industry for 25 years in various capacities from an executive chef, to being a general manager, to owning his own restaurant; most recently he was the executive chef and Director of Food and Beverage and the Tulsa Double Tree at Warren Place.

Guests at Enid Event Center and Convention Hall events will find Chef Bear's meals full of fresh ingredients and an emphasis on flavor, as key components that he prides himself on. Some of his favorite foods to make have a Cajun/creole infusion background.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to become a part of the Global Spectrum team here at Enid Event Center and Convention Hall," said Global Spectrum's Chef Bear, Executive Chef of Enid Event Center and Convention Hall. "I'm looking forward to expressing my flavor profile to the masses. We are going to recreate the menu from the concession stands to banquet events, and raise the quality of service standard, to provide a world-class customer experience."

#### **About Brandon Schofield**

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Brandon, is married with two kids, two Siamese cats, and a Wheaten Terrier dog. He has been in the food and beverage industry for 20 years. Gaining his culinary experience with Marriott International, he most recently was the banquet chef and Head of Purchasing for the Marriott Boston.

"I'm very thankful for this great opportunity to work under a great chef, in Chef Bear, at a world-class facility in Enid Event Center and Convention Hall," said Global Spectrum's Brandon Schofield, Kitchen Manager of Enid Event Center and Convention Hall.

#### **About Rachel Hoffsommer**

Rachel is originally from Atwood, Kansas, and is married with a one year old daughter. She has a Hotel and Restaurant Management degree with a minor in Business Administration from Kansas State University. Rachel's past experience started with the Hyatt Regency in Kansas City, Missouri. From there she moved on to managing some of the most renowned fine dining restaurants in Kansas City. Most recently, she was an Event and Banquet Coordinator with an event space in downtown Kansas City, where she hosted 200 weddings and hundreds of various events.

"I am grateful and excited to be a part of the Global Spectrum and Enid Event Center and Convention Hall family," said Global Spectrum's Rachel Hoffsommer, Banquet Manager of Enid Event Center and Convention Hall. "It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the Enid community. I look forward to utilizing my Banquet knowledge to host amazing events at our beautiful facility."

## INTRUST BANK ARENA RANKED $16^{th}$ BUSIEST ARENA IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER FIRST QUARTER

(Wichita, Kan.) – The SMG-managed INTRUST Bank Arena finished as the 16<sup>th</sup> busiest arena in the United States and 44<sup>th</sup> in the world in *Pollstar* Magazine's 2015 First Quarter Top 100 Arena Rankings. Rankings are based on tickets sold worldwide for shows played between 1/1/15 and 3/31/15.

"Finishing the first quarter ranked as the 16<sup>th</sup> busiest arena in the U.S. is a great way to kick off our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year," said A.J. Boleski, SMG General Manager. "We've hosted two 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series shows this quarter with Bob Seger and Fleetwood Mac, and also hosted back-to-back sold out concerts with Winter Jam and Miranda Lambert. It's been an incredible run so far this year and we can't wait to see what the rest of 2015 brings."

Through the first quarter, INTRUST Bank Arena was the highest ranked SMG arena in the U.S. and hosted eight of the Top 100 Tours, including Winter Jam, Disney on Ice, Fleetwood Mac, Harlem Globetrotters, Miranda Lambert, Bob Seger, Cirque Du Soleil, and Sesame Street Live. Additionally, three more concerts INTRUST Bank Arena has scheduled for later in the year made the Top 100 Tours list and include Jason Aldean, Foo Fighters, and Ariana Grande.

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The only U.S. arenas currently ranked ahead of INTRUST Bank Arena are: Allstate Arena (Chicago), Bridgestone Arena (Nashville, Tenn), American Airlines Arena (Dallas), Madison Square Garden (New York), SAP Center (San Jose, Calif.), Sprint Center (Kansas City, Mo.), Amway Center (Orlando, Fla.), Phillips Arena (Atlanta), Valley View Casino Center (San Diego), BB&T Center (Sunrise, Fla.), Toyota Center (Houston), Staples Center (Los Angeles), and Forum (Los Angeles), US Airways Center (Phoenix), and Oracle Arena (Oakland, Calif.).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT BBVA COMPASS STADIUM

BBVA Compass Stadium, an AEG facilities venue, has kicked-off the 2015 event year in full swing. The stadium opened the year with a sold out Monterrey vs. Club America match and hosted its first ever two-day Christ for all Nation's Gospel Crusade. In addition to hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> season of the Houston Dynamo and the second season for the Houston Dash, Houston's newest downtown stadium has a full calendar year highlighted by a variety of firsts. Kenny Chesney, the King of the Road, will bring The Big Revival Tour featuring Jake Owen and Chase Rice to BBVA Compass Stadium on May 22 to start the Sound of Summer in the heart of the East End of Downtown. Following the country king will be 6x Grammy nominee Ed Sheeran as he kicks-off the second leg of his North American tour with special guest Christina Perri at BBVA Compass Stadium in September 2015. In addition to bringing in multiple concerts, the stadium will host the Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game in their Houston debut June 13. Shortly after, the CONCACAF Gold Cup will return to town in a doubleheader featuring Canada vs. Jamaica and Costa Rica vs. El Salvador on July 11. Tickets for all events are on sale now online at bbvacompassstadium.com or by calling 888-929-7849. For more information about games and events, please visit www.bbvacompassstadium.com.

# Destination El Paso Extends Appreciation and Announces 13<sup>th</sup> Season of Alfresco! Fridays

#### **Congratulations Crysti Couture!**

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication our Multi-Media Coordinator, Crysti Couture, achieved by earning her Social Media Strategist Certification with the National Institute of Social Media. Her commitment to her position and education is admirable, and we feel incredibly lucky to have her with us.

#### Alfresco! Fridays: 13th Season

Bryan Crowe, General Manager of El Paso Live, assisted by mascot Amigo Man (pictured below) announced the 13<sup>th</sup> season of Alfresco! Fridays with FirstLight Federal Credit Union as title sponsor for the third year in a row at our press conference on April 1, 2015. The celebrated free downtown concert series kicks off April 10 and will take place at the Convention Center Plaza every Friday until September 18. The series has experienced impressive growth since 2002 when the vision was to attract downtown employees after their workday. At that time a few hundred patrols expressed interest, but more recently attendance amounts to 25,00 to 30,00 annually. Today's patrons have an informal opportunity to enjoy the best regional talent featuring Salsa, Cumbia, Reggae, Classic Rock and Country.

### Salina Bicentennial Center Undergoing Renovations

As soon as September, the Salina Bicentennial Center will have a new look. The venue, a Global Spectrum managed facility, is undergoing a \$13.1 million renovation project, which kicked off December 11, 2014 with a groundbreaking ceremony. The scope of the renovations will consist of the arena concourse, concession stands, restrooms, premium seating, dressing rooms, lobby, roof, HVAC system, kitchen, exterior improvements and technology upgrades.

Through the renovation project, the Bicentennial Center will have a new look and also become more functional to accommodate the various events and meetings that are being hosted there, while bringing life back to the facility. The venue was built in 1979 and has never had any major renovations to the arena side until this project.



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