

# Blueprints

## VT 2015 NORTH AMERICAN ARENA CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION UPDATE

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### CANADA

#### ALBERTA

##### EDMONTON

###### ROGERS PLACE

(780) 442-5311  
www.rogersplace.com  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 18,647 seats  
**OPENING DATE:** 2016  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$600 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Architect:** HOK Architecture; **Owner:** City of Edmonton/The Katz Group  
**CONTACTS:** **VP of Communications:** Tim Shipton, (780) 822-4524; **Exec. VP, Edmonton Arena Corp.:** Bob Black, (780) 414-4000  
**FEATURES:** The entire Downtown Arena & Entertainment District project will include the arena, a community ice rink, a pedestrian overpass and connectors to public transportation. The arena is being built in partnership with the Edmonton Arena Corporation, which is owned by the Katz Group. EAC will operate the arena and, in turn, will receive all operating revenues and naming rights.

##### MEDICINE HAT

###### CANALTA CENTRE

2802 Box Springs Way NW  
(403) 977-5632  
**CAPACITY:** 7,100 seats; 22 suites  
**OPENING DATE:** Aug. 2015  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$74 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** City; **Management:** SMG Canada  
**CONTACTS:** **GM:** Peter Jelinski, pjelinski@canaltacentre.com  
**FEATURES:** New arena located in Box Springs Business Park is home to Medicine Hat Tigers hockey.

#### MANITOBA

##### WINNIPEG

###### MTS CENTRE (RENOVATION)

345 Graham Ave., R3C 5S4  
(204) 987-7825  
Fax: (204) 926-5555  
info@truenorth.mb.ca  
www.mtscentre.ca  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 15,000 seats; Suites: 55  
**RENOVATION COMPLETION DATE:** 2016  
**COST OF RENOVATION:** \$30 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Concessions:**

Centerplate; **Management:** TN Arena LP; **Owner:** True North Sports & Ent. Ltd.; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Security:** In-house  
**CONTACTS:** **Sr. VP of Venues & Ent.:** Kevin Donnelly, (204) 926-5503, kdonnelly@truenorth.mb.ca; **Sr. Dir. of Fac. Ops.:** Ed Meichsner, (204) 926-5590, emeichsner@truenorth.mb.ca; **Pres./CEO:** Jim Ludlow, (204) 926-5501  
**FEATURES:** Sink Combs Dethlefs has been completing ongoing renovations and upgrades to MTS Centre since 2010. Upgrades include improving team stores, upgrading home team and visitor facilities, expanding the concourse including new bar and concession areas, and a new wing addition to the IcePlex that will include player lounges, locker rooms for junior hockey, and sports medicine.

#### ONTARIO

##### TORONTO

###### AIR CANADA CENTRE (RENOVATION)

50 Bay St., Suite 500, M5J 2L2  
(416) 815-5400  
Fax: (416) 359-9332  
caroline.right@mlse.com  
www.theaircanadacentre.com  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 19,800 seats; 665,000 sq. ft.; Suites: 154; The Theatre - 5,200 seats  
**COMPLETION DATE:** 2017-2020  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$100 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Concessions:** In-house; **Housekeeping:** UNNICO; **Owner:** Maple Leaf Sports & Ent., Ltd.; **Tickets - Primary:** Live Nation/Ticketmaster; **Security:** In-house; **Management:** Maple Leaf Sports & Ent., Ltd.  
**CONTACTS:** **Exec VP:** Robert Hunter, (416) 815-5738, bob.hunter@mlse.com; **Dir. of Event Ops.:** Jim Steele, (416) 815-5447, jim.steele@mlse.com; **Dir. of Bldg. Ops.:** Bryan Leslie, (416) 815-5949, bryan.leslie@mlse.com; **Mktg. Mgr.:** Caroline Right, (416) 815-5475, caroline.right@mlse.com; **VP Facilities & Live Events:** Wayne

Zronik, (416) 815-5962, wayne.zronik@mlse.com  
**FEATURES:** A \$10 million scoreboard and video enhancements, debuting Sept. 21, is the first of major improvements to the 16-year-old arena to prepare it for the next 20 years. Seats and premium spaces and permanent outdoor improvements are among planned future projects.

#### QUEBEC

##### QUEBEC CITY

###### LE CENTRE VIDEOTON

250-B Boulevard Wilfrid-Hamel, G1L 5A7  
info@lecentrevideotron.ca  
www.lecentrevideotron.ca  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 18,482 seats; 689,000 sq. ft.  
**OPENING DATE:** Sept. 12, 2015  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$400 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Management:** Quebecor/AEG Facilities; **Owner:** City of Quebec; **Architect:** Populous; ABCP Architecture; GLCRM & Associates; **Concessions:** Levy Restaurants; **Management:** Quebecor Media Inc.; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster  
**CONTACTS:** **Pres./CEO of Quebecor:** Benoit Robert, (514) 380-1924; **Dir. of Booking:** Dominique Goulet  
**FEATURES:** The Quebec government and Quebec City have said they will fund an arena in hopes of luring an NHL franchise to replace the Nordiques. The new arena replaces the 62-year-old Colisee Pepsi. The provincial government pledged \$200 million; Quebec City, \$187 million. The rest came from a Foundation which sold seats and legacy items to raise funds for the new arena.

#### UNITED STATES

##### CALIFORNIA

###### SACRAMENTO GOLDEN 1 CENTER

**OPENING DATE:** October 2016  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$500 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** Sacramento Kings; **Architect:** AECOM; **Project**

**Manager:** ICON Venue Group; **Concessions:** Legends  
**CONTACTS:** **GM/ Sr. VP Ops.:** Juan Rodriguez; **King's Pres.:** Chris Granger, (916) 928-0000; **Asst. GM to Sacramento Kings:** Aran Rush  
**FEATURES:** AECOM has done the design and Icon Venue Group is project manager. Golden 1 Credit Union was announced as title sponsor in August 2015. AECOM will do the architectural design work in Sacramento to ensure ongoing local input in the design process. The Kings also selected ICON Venue Group as the project manager and Turner as the lead builder. The preview center opened in 2015 at the construction site.

##### SAN FRANCISCO

###### NEW GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS ARENA

**CAPACITY:** Arena - 18,000 seats; 170,000 sq. ft.  
**OPENING DATE:** 2018  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$500 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** Golden State Warriors; **Architect:** Snohetta and AECOM  
**FEATURES:** The Golden State Warriors announced plans to move the team to a new arena in San Francisco. Originally planned for Pier 30-32 near the Bay Bridge, the site shifted to Mission Bay in 2014. The arena would be privately financed.

#### FLORIDA

##### FORT MYERS

###### SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION ARENA

8099 College Prkwy.  
(239) 489-9300  
www.fsw.edu/athletics  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 3,300 seats; 75,000 sq. ft.  
**OPENING DATE:** 2016  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$24 million  
**CONTACTS:** **AD:** Carl McAloose

##### ILLINOIS

###### CHAMPAIGN

###### STATE FARM CENTER (RENOVATION)

Univ. of Illinois, 1800 S. First St., 61820

(217) 333-2923  
Fax: (217) 244-8888  
ullestad@illinois.edu  
www.statefarmcenter.com  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 16,400 seats; Suites: 12  
**COMPLETION DATE:** 2016  
**COST OF RENOVATION:** \$160 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Concessions:** In-house; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Management/Owner:** University of Illinois; **Tickets - Primary:** Spectra; **Security:** In-house  
**CONTACTS:** **Dir.:** Kevin Ullestad; **Assc. Dir.:** Sue Walker, shwalker@illinois.edu; **Asst. Dir. of Ops.:** Tom Divan, divan@illinois.edu  
**FEATURES:** Formerly known as Assembly Hall, State Farm Center updates will include new scoreboards, ribbon boards and speakers, as well as additional concession stands, a new team store, an indoor Orange Krush Club just for students, and the introduction of 12 suites and 120 court side seats. AECOM is the architect for the renovation.

#### INDIANA

##### FORT WAYNE

###### ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM (EXPANSION)

4000 Parnell Ave., 46805  
(260) 482-9502  
Fax: (260) 484-1637  
info@memorialcoliseum.com  
www.memorialcoliseum.com  
**CAPACITY:** Arena - 13,000 seats; Suites: 25; Expo Center - 7,800 seats; 108,000 sq. ft.  
**RENOVATION COMPLETION DATE:** 2016  
**COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$20 million  
**STAKEHOLDERS:** **Concessions:** Aramark; **Housekeeping:** Leaders Staffing; **Owner:** Allen County; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Security:** ESG, Inc.  
**CONTACTS:** **Exec. VP/ GM:** Randy Brown, rbrown@memorialcoliseum.com; **VP of Sales:** Nathan Dennison, (260) 480-3710, ndennison@memorialcoliseum.com; **VP of Ops.:** Bryan Christie, bchristie@memorialcoliseum.com; **FEATURES:** \$20 million investment includes \$16-million, 55,000-sq.-ft. Conference Center expansion, to be completed Jan. 1, 2016.

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Other updates include \$900,000 for new Ephesus LED lighting; a \$1 million team room; and \$250,000 each for ice floor renovation and scoreboard replacements. With new Conference Center, the arena will have 1 million sq. ft. under roof. Fort Wayne Mad Ants D-League basketball team purchased by Indiana Pacers this month. Improvements will help in working with the NBA team.

**KENTUCKY**

**LEXINGTON**

**RUPP ARENA (RENOVATION)**

c/o Lexington Center Corp., 430 West Vine St., 40507 (859) 233-4567 Fax: (859) 253-2718 chall@rupparena.com www.rupparena.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 23,300 seats **OPENING DATE:** On Hold **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$400 million

**STAKEHOLDERS:** Concessions: In-house; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Management:** Lexington Center Corp.; **Owner:** City; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Security:** In-house **CONTACTS:** Dir. Arena Mgmt.: Carl Hall; **Dir. of Mktg.:** Sheila Kenny, skenny@lexingtoncenter.com; **Pres./CEO:** William B. Owen, bowen@rupparena.com; **BO Mgr.:** Jeff Bojanowski, jbojanowski@lexingtoncenter.com **FEATURES:** Makeover/Renovation. Plans were unveiled in December 2011 from architecture firms SpaceGroup and NBBJ for a \$110-\$130 million facelift of Rupp Arena, with a target opening of 2018. It is part of the Arena, Arts & Entertainment Task Force project to transform the university campus with a \$300 million rehab of Lexington Center. Funding pending.

**LOUISIANA**

**ALEXANDRIA**

**RAPIDES PARISH COLISEUM (RENOVATION)**

5600 Coliseum Blvd., 71303 (318) 442-9581 Fax: (318) 442-9582 rapidescoliseum@yahoo.com www.therapidesparishcoliseum.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 5,477 seats; 65,000 sq. ft. **REOPENING DATE:** December 2016 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$23 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** Concessions: In-house; **Owner:** Parish; **Management:** Coliseum Authority; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster **CONTACTS:** Ofc. Mgr.: Debbie Bing **FEATURES:** Groundbreaking ceremonies were Aug. 20, with grand reopening set for December 2016. Architect is Alliance Design Group. Improvements include increasing seating capacity by 3,000, adding skyboxes, rebuilding the parking lot and a complete overhaul of the facility's technology.

**MICHIGAN**

**DETROIT**

**NEW RED WINGS ARENA**

Olympia Entertainment Group (313) 471-3436 **CAPACITY:** 20,000 seats, 60 suites **OPENING DATE:** Fall 2017 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$650 million (\$450 million for the arena, \$200 million for mixed use development) **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** City; **Management:** Olympia Entertainment Group; **Architect:** HOK **CONTACTS:** **Pres.:** Tom Williams **FEATURES:** The new arena will replace Joe Louis Arena as home to the Detroit Red Wings. Located downtown, it is part of a 45-block redesign of the city center. The arena seating bowl will be 40 feet below ground and amenities will be in an atrium outside the bowl ring, with the aim to keep those amenities open yearround.

**MINNESOTA**

**MINNEAPOLIS**

**TARGET CENTER (RENOVATION)**

600 First Ave. North, 55403 (612) 673-1300 Fax: (612) 673-1370 info@targetcenter.com www.targetcenter.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 19,500 seats; Suites: 54; US Bank Theater - 7,000 seats **RENOVATION COMPLETION DATE:** 2017 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$100 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Architect:** Sink, Combs, Dethlefs/Alliance; **Concessions:** Delaware North Companies; **Management:** AEG; **Tickets - Primary:** AXS **Owner:** City **CONTACTS:** **GM:** Steve Mattson, (612) 673-1363, stevemattson@targetcenter.com; **Dir. Booking:** Andy Warg, (612) 673-8308, andywarg@targetcenter.com **FEATURES:** Renovating lobbies, suites and concourses. Opening the front up to the city with an enclosed glass lobby from what had been an enclosed box and private health club on the first level.

**NEBRASKA**

**OMAHA**

**BAXTER ARENA**

6001 Dodge St., 68106 (402) 554-2800 mcera@unomaha.edu www.unomaha.edu/athletics/arena/ **CAPACITY:** Arena - 7,500 seats; Suites: 17; Club Seats: 750 **OPENING DATE:** Oct. 23, 2015 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$81.6 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Architect:** Lempke Edson, HDR; **Owner/Management:** University of Nebraska Omaha; **Concessions:** Savor... **CONTACTS:** **GM:** Mike Cera, (402) 554-6201; **Dir. of Fin.:** Ronnie Tompson, (402) 554-6203, rtompson@unomaha.edu; **Dir. of Ops.:** Ryan Weiss, (402) 554-6202, rtweiss@unomaha.edu

**FEATURES:** Formerly known as UNO Community Arena. This is the first arena for UNO. Two tiered structure so every seat is on top of the action. A second sheet of ice for the community is right out front and enclosed in 60 percent glass as a showcase venue to enhance community engagement.

**NEVADA**

**LAS VEGAS**

**LAS VEGAS ARENA**

**CAPACITY:** Arena - 20,000 seats; Suites: 50 **OPENING DATE:** 2016 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$350 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** MGM Resorts International/AEG; **Architect:** Populous **FEATURES:** The new, 20,000 seat, \$350-million arena is being developed by AEG and MGM Resorts International and is expected to be used for sporting, major entertainment and other special events.

**NEVADA**

**LAS VEGAS**

**THOMAS & MACK CENTER (RENOVATION)**

4505 S. Maryland Pkwy., PO Box 450003, 89154-0003 (702) 895-3761 Fax: (702) 895-1814 mike.newcomb@unlv.com www.thomasandmack.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 18,500 seats; Suites: 30; Theater - 3,725 seats **RENOVATION COMPLETION DATE:** 2017 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$72 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** Concessions: In-house; **Tickets - Primary:** UNLV Tickets; **Security:** In-house; **Owner:** UNLV; **Management:** UNLV **CONTACTS:** **Mktg./PR:** Rachel Henry, (702) 895-3078, rachel.henry@unlv.edu; **Exec. Dir.:** Mike Newcomb, (702) 895-1003, mike.newcomb@unlv.edu **FEATURES:** Renovating the ground level to add more premium space and rearranging and updating everything. Architect is Sink Combs Dethlefs. Don Dethlefs designed the original arena, which opened in 1979.

**NEW YORK**

**UNIONDALE**

**NASSAU VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM (RESTORATION)**

C/o Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment 15 MetroTech Center, 11th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11201 Location: 1255 Hempstead Turnpike, 11553-1200 (718) 942-9587 Fax: (718) 522-3448 coliseumconnection@nassaucoliseum.com www.nassaucoliseum.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 13,000 seats **REOPENING DATE:** December 2016 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$260.5 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Management:** Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment; **Architect:** SHoP; **Concessions:** Levy

**CONTACTS:** **Mktg./Booking Mgr.:**

**FEATURES:** The old Nassau Coliseum closed Aug. 1 with a Billy Joel concert. Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment, which also owns Barclays Center, Brooklyn, has undertaken a major renovation of the arena, which will change the exterior and interior, making it fan- and artist-friendly. A lifestyle district is being developed around it by Bruce Ratner.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**CHARLOTTE**  
**BOJANGLES' COLISEUM (RENOVATION)**

2700 E. Independence Blvd., 28205 (704) 372-3600 Fax: (704) 335-3118 info@bojanglescoliseum.com www.bojanglescoliseum.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 11,000 seats **REOPENING DATE:** November 2015 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$16 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** Concessions: In-house; **Management:** CRVA; **Owner:** City; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Security:** In-house **CONTACTS:** **CRVA-Dir. of Mktg.:** Mike Riviello, (704) 414-4142, mike.riviello@crva.com; **Asst. Mgr.:** Jamie Faris, (704) 335-3120, jamie.faris@bojanglescoliseum.com; **GM:** George Hite, (704) 335-3222, george.hite@crva.com **FEATURES:** Formerly known as Crickets Arena. Beginning in summer 2015, a \$16 million renovation began at Bojangles' Coliseum to make improvements to seating, technology, locker rooms, building infrastructure and more to prepare for the Charlotte Checkers return in the 2015-16 season.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**VERMILLION**  
**NEW ARENA AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

The University of South Dakota Department of Athletics, 206 DakotaDome 414 E. Clark Street, 57069 (605) 677-5309 Fax: (605) 677-5618 bryan.boettcher@usd.edu www.spec.usd.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 6,000 seats **OPENING DATE:** 2016 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$40 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** University of South Dakota; **Architect:** Populous; **Architecture Incorporated** **CONTACTS:** **Sport Info Dir.:** Bryan Boettcher, (605) 677-5927; **Facility Mgr.:** Gary Madsen, (605) 677-5957, gary.madsen@usd.edu **FEATURES:** A new basketball and volleyball arena, basketball training facility, and academic facilities. The facility will also house a new weight room and locker rooms.

**TEXAS**

**SAN ANTONIO**  
**ALAMODOME (RENOVATION)**

100 Montana St., 78203 (210) 207-3663

Fax: (210) 207-3646 domeinfo@alamodome.com www.alamodome.com **CAPACITY:** Arena - 65,000 seats; Suites: 52; Illusions Theater - 11,000 seats **RENOVATION COMPLETION DATE:** 2018 **COST OF UPGRADES:** \$41 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** Concessions: Aramark; **Owner:** City; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Security:** In-house; **Management:** City; **Housekeeping:** Go Professional Cleaning Service **CONTACTS:** **Dir. Conv. Sports & Ent.:** Mike Sawaya, michael.sawaya@sanantonio.gov; **Mktg. Mgr.:** Andrea DeLaune, (210) 207-3642, andrea.delaune@alamodome.com; **Box Office Mgr.:** Kevin Stephenson, (210) 207-3635, kevin.stephenson@alamodome.com; **GM:** Nicholas Langella, (210) 207-3610, nick.langella@alamodome.com **FEATURES:** Alamodome will receive \$41 million upgrades by 2018. Focusing on transforming its north plaza into a space for outdoor events, expanding concourses, and many other improvements and additions including new locker rooms and a 24,000-sq.-ft. multi-purpose room. There will also be a new Terrace Club.

**VIRGINIA**

**VIRGINIA BEACH**  
**VIRGINIA BEACH ARENA**

3333 Virginia Beach Blvd., Ste. 24 (757) 340-8001 Fax: (757) 340-0998 info@esgco.com www.esgco.com/virginia-beach-arena/ **CAPACITY:** Arena - 18,000 seats; 750,000 sq. ft. **OPENING DATE:** 2018 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$200 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** City; **Management:** SMG; **Architect:** AECOM; **Developer:** ESG **FEATURES:** SMG is working with the city to build an arena, which is very much moving forward and no longer contingent upon finding a major league team. It will be privately financed.

**WISCONSIN**

**MILWAUKEE**  
**MILWAUKEE BUCKS NEW ARENA**

Milwaukee Bucks, 1543 North 2nd St., 6th Floor, 53212 (414) 227-0599 info@esgco.com www.esgco.com **CAPACITY:** 18,000 seats, 640,000 sq. ft. **OPENING DATE:** 2017 **COST OF CONSTRUCTION:** \$500 million **STAKEHOLDERS:** **Owner:** City; **Management:** Milwaukee Bucks; **Architect:** Populous, Epstein Uhen Associates, HNTB **FEATURES:** Plans are to replace the existing BMO Harris Bradley Center with the new Bucks Arena and an entertainment district. All right-sized for the market.