

Blueprints

VT 2015 CONVENTION CENTERS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE SYDNEY (ICC SYDNEY)

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mail@insw.com
www.sicep.com

CAPACITY: Convention Centre - 430,556 sq. ft.; Event Deck - 53,819 sq. ft.; Theatre - 8,000 seats; Ballroom - 2,000 seats

OPENING DATE: 2016
STAKEHOLDERS: Management: AEG Ogden; Architect: HASSELL & Populous
CONTACTS: Dir. of Event Svcs.: Mulu Barrios; Sales Mgr.: Helen Mantellato; Dir. of Bus. Dvlp.: Beverley Parker; Dir. of Bldg. Svcs.: Johnny Naofal
FEATURES: Will replace the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Scheduled to open in December 2016.

CANADA

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RWINNIEG RBC CONVENTION CENTRE WINNIEG

375 York Ave., R3C 3J3
(204) 956-1720
Fax: (204) 943-0310
info@wcc.mb.ca
www.wcc.mb.ca

CAPACITY: Convention Center - 4,131 seats; 160,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: March 2016
STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: In-house; Housekeeping: Bee Clean;
Tickets - Primary: Ticketmaster; Security: Paladian Security; Management: Board of Directors
CONTACTS: Pres/CEO: Klaus Lahr, klausl@wcc.mb.ca; Dir. of Sales/Mktg.: David Chizda, davidc@wcc.mb.ca
FEATURES: Completion Date: March 2016. Capacity: adding 70,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, 24,000 sq. ft. multiuse ballroom, stacked expansion. Cost: \$147 million.

NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX

HALIFAX CONVENTION CENTRE

www.halifaxconventioncentre.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 120,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 2017
COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$152 million
CONTACTS: Media: Erin Esiyok-Prime, (902) 421-1302, erin@tcins.com; Director of Sales:

Dawn Baldwin, (902) 421-1302, dawn@halifaxconventioncentre.com
FEATURES: Brand new, state-of-the-art convention center featuring 120,000 sq. ft. of flexible event space in the heart of downtown Halifax. The Centre will offer a spectacular 30,000 square foot ballroom with floor to ceiling windows overlooking the city, multipurpose convention space and intimate meeting space.

CHINA

SHENYANG SHENYANG NEW WORLD EXPO

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Fax: +86 24 2416 5588
info@shenyangnwexpo.com
www.shenyangnwexpo.com/en

CAPACITY: Convention/Exhibition Center - 320,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 2017
STAKEHOLDERS: Management: Shenyang New World Expo [Management] Ltd.; Owner: New World China Land [Shenyang]
CONTACTS: Dir. of Bus. Dvlp.: Diane Chen, dianechen@shenyangnwexpo.com; Chmn./AGM: Cliff Wallace, +852 24 2582 7800, cliffwallace@shenyangnwexpo.com; Sec.: Andy Wang, andywang@shenyangnwexpo.com

GERMANY

BERLIN ICC BERLIN (RENOVATION)

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Fax: +49 30 3038 3030
sales@icc-berlin.de
www.icc-berlin.com
CAPACITY: Hall 1 - 5,008 seats; Hall 2 - 3,314 seats
OPENING DATE: 1979
STAKEHOLDERS: Management: Messe Berlin GmbH; Tickets - Primary: Capital Tickets
CONTACTS: Press Officer: Wolfgang Wagner, +49 30 3038 2277, wagner@messe-berlin.de; Mktg./Sales Asst.: Annette Gnad-Heinke, gnadtheinke@messe-berlin.de; Press: Michael T. Hofer, +49 30 3038 2270, hofer@messe-berlin.de
FEATURES: Closed for renovation.

OMAN

MUSCAT OMAN CONVENTION CENTRE

Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre Pre-Opening Office

c-/ AEG Ogden, GPO Box 1040
+61 7 3265 5888
Fax: +61 7 3265 5899
sales@omanconvention.com
www.omanconvention.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 10,000 seats; 237,000 sq. ft.; Auditorium - 3,200 seats; 22,000 sq. ft.; Exhibition Space - 236,806 sq. ft.; Ballroom 1; - 2,360 seats; Ballroom 2 - 2,360 seats; Theatre - 450 seats
OPENING DATE: 2016
COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$600 million
STAKEHOLDERS: Owner: Omran, acting for the Govt. of Oman; Management: AEG Ogden
CONTACTS: GM: Trevor McCartney, +968 2451 2700, tmccartney@omanconvention.com; Convention Sales Development: Rochelle Uechtritz, +61 400 253392, ruechtritz@aegogden.com

UNITED STATES

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK ROBINSON CENTER (RENOVATION)

PO Box 3232, 72201
(501) 376-4781
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lrcvb@littlerock.com
www.littlerock.com
CAPACITY: Theater - 2,200 seats; Ballroom - 7,200 sq. ft.; Meeting Rooms - 4,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 1939
STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: DoubleTree Hotel; Housekeeping: In-house; Management: Little Rock Conv. & Visitors Bureau; Owner: City of Little Rock; Tickets - Primary: Ticketmaster; Security: In-house

CONTACTS: CEO: Gretchen Hall; Booking: Daria Aldridge, (501) 370-3254, daldridge@littlerock.com; Sr. Dir. of Event Ops.: Phyllis Lucas, (501) 370-3241, plucas@littlerock.com; Sr. VP of Sales/Mktg.: Alan Sims, asims@littlerock.com
FEATURES: Entire Facility is undergoing a \$68+ million renovation and expansion. Facility will be closed from July 1, 2014 until Sept. 2016.

CALIFORNIA

ANAHEIM ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER (EXPANSION)

800 West Katella Ave., 92802
(714) 765-8950
Fax: (714) 765-8965

info@anaheimconventioncenter.com
www.anaheimconventioncenter.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 1,600,000 sq. ft.; Arena - 7,500 seats; Grand Plaza - 100,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 2017
STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Aramark; Housekeeping: In-house; Management: City; Owner: City; Tickets - Primary: Ticketmaster/In-house; Security: In-house
CONTACTS: Exec. Dir.: Tom Morton, (714) 765-8920, tmorton@anaheim.net; GM: David Meek, (714) 765-8951, dmeek@anaheim.net; Event Svc. Mgr.: Michelle Henry, (714) 765-8956, mhenry@anaheim.net; Dir. of Ops./Admin.: Dan Lee, (714) 765-8985, dlee1@anaheim.net

FEATURES: Anaheim Convention Center \$190-million expansion plan consists of a vertically stacked facility containing 200,000 square feet of multipurpose convention space, 1,350 structurally integrated parking stalls, a new kitchen adjacent to the upper level 100,000-sq.-ft. column-free multipurpose space, loading docks adjacent to the lower level, 100,000-sq.-ft. multipurpose space, prefunction and lobby areas for registration and a climate-controlled pedestrian bridge connecting to the existing Anaheim Convention Center building. Scheduled to finish in 2017.

LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER (EXPANSION)

1201 South Figueroa St., 90015
(213) 741-1151
Fax: (213) 765-4441
administration@lacclink.com
www.lacclink.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 720,000 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 346,890 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 162,000 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 210,685 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 21,557 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 26,342 sq. ft.

OPENING DATE: TBD
COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$175 million
STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Levy Restaurants; Housekeeping: ABM Industries; Management: AEG; Owner: City of Los Angeles; Security: In-house
CONTACTS: Dir. of Ops.: Gregory Rosicky, grosicky@lacclink.com; VP of Sales/Mktg.: Ellen Schwartz, eschwartz@lacclink.com; Sr. VP/GM: Brad Gessner, bgessner@lacclink.com; VP of Event Svcs.: Carisa Malanum, cmalanum@lacclink.com; Media:

Victoriya Karpilovich, (213) 765-4664, vkarpilovich@lacclink.com; Exec. Asst. to the GM: Ana Aldana, (213) 765-4430, aaldana@lacclink.com
FEATURES: Expansion. As of August 20, 2015, no work has started and no scheduled completion date. Adding another 210,000 sq. ft. main exhibit hall (Pico Hall), secondary multipurpose hall, multiple meeting facilities and full food service facilities.

SAN FRANCISCO MOSCONE CENTER (EXPANSION)

747 Howard St., 5th FL., 94103-1118
(415) 974-4000
Fax: (415) 974-4073
events@moscone.com
www.moscone.com

CAPACITY: Convention Center - 740,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 2017
STAKEHOLDERS: Management: SMG; Owner: City & County of SF; Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Mark Cavagnero Architects; Concessions: Savor...; Housekeeping: In-house
CONTACTS: GM: Richard H. Shaff, (415) 974-4011, rshaff@moscone.com; Dir. of Sales: Melody Lendaro, (415) 974-4023, mlendaro@moscone.com; Comm. Mgr.: Naina Ayya, (415) 974-4017, nayya@moscone.com; Facility Dir./AGM: Bob Sauter, (415) 974-4013, bsauter@moscone.com

FEATURES: 25-year expansion plan includes \$500 million in improvements in Phase 1. Cleaning out the exhibit hall level to make it contiguous space and adding 80,000-100,000 sq. ft. An addition at 120,000 sq. ft. of meeting space will be added on top. Funding is in place through the Tourism Improvement District. Phase 1 opens in 2017.

FLORIDA

MIAMI BEACH MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER (EXPANSION)

1901 Convention Center Dr., 33139
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Fax: (305) 673-7435
igarcia@miamibeachchfl.gov
www.miamibeachconvention.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 1,600,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: July 2018
STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Centerplate; Housekeeping: In-house; Management: Spectra; Owner: City; Security: In-house; Tickets - Primary: New Era Tickets

CONTACTS: GM: Matt Hollander, (786) 276-2650, matthollander@miamibeachfl.gov; **Dir. of Sales/Mktg.:** Ileana Garcia, (786) 276-2607
FEATURES: A \$648 million expansion, including new hotel space announced in February 2011 is being downsized due to lack of funding. Scheduled to be completed July of 2018, the new \$500-million expansion and renovation will include a 60,000-sq.-ft. grand ballroom, additional meeting rooms with flexible arrangements, a 20,000-sq. ft. glass rooftop junior ballroom and versatile indoor/outdoor public spaces. 800 parking spaces located across the street from the center will be relocated within the footprint of the building thus allowing the 5.8 acre parking lot to be converted into a public park.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS CONV. CENTER (EXPANSION)

3150 Paradise Rd., 89109
 (702) 892-0711
 Fax: (702) 892-2824
 pr@lvcva.com
 www.lvcva.com

CAPACITY: Convention Center - 3,200,000 sq. ft.; Exhibit Area - C1-C5 - 623,058 sq. ft.; Exhibit Area - N1-N4 - 409,077 sq. ft.; Exhibit Area - S1-S4 - 908,496 sq. ft.

STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Aramark; **Management:** Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; **Owner:** Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Security:** In-house; **Architect:** HNTB Architecture Inc.
CONTACTS: Pres./CEO: Rossi Ralenkotter; **Public Affairs VP:** Dawn Christensen, (702) 892-2984; **Sr. VP of Mktg.:** Cathy Tull, ctull@lvcva.com; **SVP Ops.:** Terry Jicinsky, tjicinsky@lvcva.com; **VP of Sales:** Chris Meyer, (702) 892-2855, cmeyer@lvcva.com
FEATURES: Expansion. An \$890 million expansion is on hold but is expected to get the green light soon. The renovation would update key infrastructure, utilities and aesthetics and improve and add meeting room space and a transportation center. It's expected to be a seven year process.

NEW YORK

ALBANY

ALBANY CAPITAL CENTER

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 info@accany.com
 albanycapitalcenter.com
CAPACITY: Convention Center - 297,500 sq. ft.; Exhibit Hall - 60,000 sq. ft.; Ballroom - 25,000 sq. ft.; Meeting Rooms - 22,500 sq. ft.; Junior Ballroom - 10,000 sq. ft.
OPENING DATE: 2017
COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$220 million
STAKEHOLDERS: Owner: Albany Convention Center Authority; **Architect:** HNTB Architecture Inc., Shawn Hamlin Architecture
CONTACTS: Exec. Dir.: Duncan Stewart, dstewart@accany.com; **Project Mgr.:** Al Sorrentino, asorrentino@accany.com; **Dir. of Sales:** Gina Mintzer, (518) 434-1217, gmintzer@albany.org
FEATURES: 75 percent of land has been purchased. Still awaiting approval from state to determine an opening date. Scheduled to open in 2017.

OHIO

COLUMBUS

GREATER COLUMBUS CONV. CENTER (EXPANSION)

400 N. High St., 43215
 (614) 827-2500

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 sales@columbusconventions.com
 www.columbusconventions.com

CAPACITY: Convention - 1,700,000 sq. ft.; Battelle Grand - 74,000 sq. ft.

OPENING DATE: Spring 2017

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$40 million

STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Centerplate; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Management:** SMG; **Owner:** Franklin Co. Convention Facilities Authority; **Tickets - Primary:** Non-exclusive; **Security:** In-house
CONTACTS: GM: John Page, (614) 827-2517, jpage@columbusconventions.com; **Sr. Dir. of Sales:** Sherry Chambers, (614) 827-2662, schambers@columbusconventions.com; **HR Mgr.:** Kasandra Cook, (614) 827-2541, kcook@columbusconventions.com
FEATURES: The \$125-million expansion will completely renovate all the front of house pre-function areas, ballrooms, meeting spaces and lobbies, as well as adding on to the north end with a new entrance, multipurpose lobby and 10,000 sq. ft. of meeting rooms. The expansion tops the convention center's space out to 373,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space and is set to be completed in Spring 2017.

ARCHITECT: LMN Architects

TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO

HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER (EXPANSION)

P.O. Box 1809, 78205
 (210) 207-8500
 Fax: (210) 223-1495
 csefinfo@sanantonio.gov
 www.sahbgcc.com

CAPACITY: Convention Center - 1,300,000 sq. ft.; Exhibit Space - 515,000 sq. ft.; Grand Ballroom - 54,000 sq. ft.

OPENING DATE: 1968

STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: RK Group; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Management:** City; **Owner:** City; **Tickets - Primary:** Ticketmaster; **Security:** Local Police
CONTACTS: Booking Mgr.: Jeff Cook, (210) 207-5762, jeffrey.cook@sanantonio.gov; **GM:** Scott Munson, (210) 207-8503, rmunson@sanantonio.gov; **Dir. of Facilities:** Mike Sawaya, msawaya@sanantonio.gov; **Mktg. Mgr.:** John Vlieger, (210) 207-6780, john.vlieger@sanantonio.gov

FEATURES: Planning expansion, adding multifunction room, meeting space, exhibit space, at a cost of \$280 million. Earliest opening date, 2016.

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION CENTER (EXPANSION)

800 Convention Place, 98101
 (206) 694-5000
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 info@wscc.com
 www.wscc.com

CAPACITY: Exhibit Space - 236,700 sq. ft.; Additional Convention Space - 123,760 sq. ft.

OPENING DATE: 2020

STAKEHOLDERS: Concessions: Aramark; **Housekeeping:** In-house; **Management:** Washington State Convention Center; **Owner:** Public Facilities District; **Security:** In-house
CONTACTS: Pres./CEO: Jeffrey A. Blosser, (206) 694-5010, jeff.blosser@wscc.com; **Dir. of Sales:** Michael McQuade, (206) 694-5105, michael.mcquade@wscc.com

FEATURES: The expansion will bring the gross sq. ft. to over one million in a stacked convention center that is separate but adjacent to the existing building. Adding 60,000 sq. ft. ballroom, 250,000 sq. ft. exhibit space, 120,000 sq. ft. meeting space.

ARCHITECTS: LMN Architects, Skanska.

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demand for changing meeting trends, but also appeal to a younger generation of networkers.

"With the new generation of convention attendees, one thing we're hearing more and more is how do we create spaces for these individuals to promote their networking interactions," said Brian Tennyson, principal, LMN. "And what are the types of spaces and furniture that are conducive to this? We're seeing meetings move out into prefunction spaces because of a unique environment"

The outdoor environment is also becoming important to these indoor meeting spaces. LMN and Tennyson recently completed a \$41-million expansion to the Spokane (Wash.) Convention Center that opened in February. Previously the Spokane River, which runs adjacent to the building, was only visible from a few of the meeting spaces. Then, the convention center purchased the land between the building and the river walk with the goal of connecting the expansion to the river "so that the experience in event spaces we added is that you are right by the river," said Tennyson.

By connecting the convention center to the environment, you enhance not only the attendee's experience, but you also draw the community into the space.

"The challenge is to create places where local residents want to engage with the building, because that gives convention guests more of an authentic experience of the destination," said Lockwood. "If you're able to engage with the local populous as you're attending an event, that's going to make your event and your experience in that city that much more unique."

Tennyson sought to achieve that engagement when LMN added the City Rom to the Winnipeg Convention Centre's \$180-million expansion. Located above the street with full windows on either side, the 46,000-sq.-ft. space can be used as a multifunction piece of the exhibit hall. Best of all, it acts as an iconic connection point between the city and the convention center.

"Part of connecting to the community is the community understanding what happens

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