

Blueprints

VT 2012 EQUESTRIAN CENTERS, FAIR AND FESTIVAL GROUNDS

SOURCE: 2011/2012 VENUES TODAY INTERNATIONAL VENUE RESOURCE GUIDE and VENUES TODAY DATABASE

AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

CARRARA GOLD COAST SHOW GROUNDS (RELOCATION)

COST: \$15 million
OPENING DATE: 2014
OWNER: Queensland Government
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: The existing showgrounds, located at Parklands Racetrack, is being relocated to a 35-acre site adjacent to the Carrara/Metcon Soccer Arena. New facilities will include a state-of-the-art show ring, Wood Chop Arena, rodeo arena and a multipurpose exhibition building.

CANADA

MANITOBA

WINNIPEG RED RIVER EXHIBITION PARK

COST: \$80 million
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Master plan recommends continued development of the grounds with an agricultural commodities park, commercial development and expansion of the exhibit function with a 5,000-seat Events Centre, 150,000-sq.-ft. multipurpose exhibit building, new gate/portal, animal exhibit building and other support enhancements.

ONTARIO

BRANDON KEYSTONE CENTRE (EXPANSION)

ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Masterplan includes new multiuse arena/fieldhouse for equestrian expo and indoor sports; new RV park; and existing building upgrades.

QUEBEC

QUEBEC CITY EXPO QUEBEC

OPENING DATE: 2015
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Master plan calls for the addition of a new 15,000-seat arena, conversion of the grandstands to an amphitheater and relocated equestrian facilities.

ISRAEL

GALILEE LOWER GALILEE EQUESTRIAN PARK

OWNER: Lower Galilee Municipality
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: A new equestrian park and Israel Olympic Training Facility will feature an indoor competition arena, outdoor arena, cross-country course, stables, training and conditioning facilities, offices, support facilities and a BMX course.

RUSSIA

MOSCOW RUSSIAN POLO CLUB

OPENING DATE: Polo arena, fall 2013
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: This final phase of the new polo club, which features two outdoor fields with 2,000 VIP stands and opened in 2012, features a 120X260-ft. indoor dressage/jumping arena, and 248 stalls. The arena is a fully translucent barrel-roofed structure. The fields are surrounded by residential development.

UNITED STATES

ALASKA

PALMER ALASKA STATE FAIR

ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Master planning underway, with consideration of a 5,000-8,000-seat amphitheater, enhanced patron gates, an equestrian complex, a motor sports venue and a native people village.

ARIZONA

QUEEN CREEK HORSESHOE PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE (EXPANSION)

ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Addition of 150X300-ft. covered arena connected to existing event arena, new covered livestock pens, RV Park expansion and other site improvements.

SCOTTSDALE TONY NELSSON EQUESTRIAN CTR.

COST: \$47 million
OWNER: WestWorld of Scottsdale/City
OPENING DATE: 2013
ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Complete redevelopment of the existing Equidome covered arena featuring the addition of 150,000 sq. ft. of multiuse floor for stalls, arenas or trade booths; indoor staging ring, VIP suites.

TUCSON PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EQUESTRIAN/LIVESTOCK ARENA

OWNER: Southwestern Fair Commission
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: New indoor, climate-controlled arena with 140x300-ft. floor, 1,600 seats, covered connector to existing livestock arena and stalls, covered staging and livestock penning.

CALIFORNIA

SANTA ROSA CALIFORNIA EQUESTRIAN PARK & EVENT CENTER

OWNER: CEPEC
ADVISOR: QH2
FEATURES: Site selection is underway. The facilities will include custom arenas, coliseum, pavilion, polo fields, cross country course, driving course, trails, exercise track, museum, restaurants, conference center, shops, picnic areas, campgrounds, education center, surgery and imaging centers, and a farrier shop. CEPEC is also partnering with the American Red Cross to create an emergency mega-shelter for horses and people.

COLORADO

DENVER NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW & RODEO

COST: \$200 million
OWNER: National Western Stock Show & Rodeo
OPENING DATE: 2013
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Ongoing analysis and planning studies for the expansion and possible relocation of the show. Alternative sites have been identified and studies of the existing site have been completed. The plan to move to the new Gaylord Entertainment Resort is off the table and only sites inside Denver are being considered.

EAGLE EAGLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

(EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES EXPANSION)

OWNER: Eagle County
OPENING DATE: TBD
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Planning an expansion of equestrian facilities to support the existing 150X300-ft. indoor arena. New facilities will include 300 enclosed stalls, 120X200-ft. indoor practice arena, event offices, upgrades to the existing arena, RV hookups and other site amenities.

FT. COLLINS

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EQUINE SCIENCE & EQUESTRIAN TEAM ARENA

COST: \$10 million
OPENING DATE: Spring 2014
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: 150x300-ft. teaching and performance arena combined with 400-seat sales ring/demonstration ring, classrooms, labs and faculty offices.

GRAND JUNCTION

MESA COUNTY FAIR
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Masterplan and design of a 5,000-seat arena, equestrian complex and related sport facilities.

FLORIDA

MIAMI MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION (RELOCATION)

COST: \$300 million
OPENING DATE: 2015
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Studying a variety of potential relocation sites for the Miami-Dade County Fair. The sites are located north and south of the existing site and require significant mitigation to accommodate the fairgrounds functions.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE

COST: \$420 million
OPENING DATE: TBD
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Design is underway for an integrated racecourse and entertainment venue with a 15,000-seat entertainment grandstand, track view hotel, track view conference center, high-end retail,

dining and clubs, and residential condominiums. The project is tied to the Atlanta light rail system with a private station and is a brown-field redevelopment site of a former General Motors plant.

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS PEPSI COLISEUM (RENOVATION)

COST: \$53 million
OPENING DATE: 2014
OWNER: Indiana State Fair
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Renovation of 8,000-seat, 49,500-sq.-ft. arena will take the venue down to 7,200 new seats, add new amenities from concessions to restrooms, improve structural components, include ADA upgrades and preserve the iconic facade. The coliseum will also have a new name when it reopens for the 2014 fair.

KANSAS

MULVANE KANSAS STAR CASINO, HOTEL & EVENTS CENTER

OPENING DATE: Arena conversion begins Jan. 2013
OWNER: Peninsula Gaming
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Phase one opened this year. The arena has been serving as the casino while the casino was completed. Beginning in January, the arena will be converted to its equestrian/rodeo role. The arena is a 140x280-ft., 4,000-seat multiuse venue with 420 stalls.

KENTUCKY

FRANKLIN KENTUCKY DOWNS

ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: New entertainment/equestrian indoor arena venue with dual-sided grandstand, new saddling paddock, two outdoor arenas. Track-side grandstand is open air with cover overlooking track finish line and arena-side grandstand is enclosed overlooking arena floor. Both sides share common services. The arena is being designed to host center-ring floor events such as boxing and concerts.

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KANSAS CITY

AMERICAN ROYAL (EXPANSION)

OPENING: 2014

COST: \$70 million

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: The concept design is complete for a 5,000-seat multi-purpose livestock arena to replace the existing Kemper Arena. It would include a covered warm-up arena and stalling for 400 horses.

ST. JOSEPH

BUCHANAN COUNTY AGRI-BUSINESS EXPO CENTER

COST: \$40 million

ARCHITECT: Populous, with C.H. Johnson Consulting

FEATURES: Plan to break ground in 2013 for this 150-acre facility, which includes a 2,000-seat show arena, 200,000 sq. ft. of multipurpose buildings, an agriculturally-oriented business park and ancillary commercial development.

MONTANA

KALISPELL

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS/NORTHWEST MONTANA STATE FAIR

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Site plan calls for slight reorganization of the site including additional exhibition space, removal of the horse racing track, enhancements to the grandstands, and additional exhibition/conference space.

NEBRASKA

CHADRON

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE RANGELAND SCIENCE CENTER & RODEO ARENA

COST: \$5.7 million

OPENING DATE: July 2013 (Phase One)

OWNER: Chadron State College

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Indoor rodeo and rangeland science complex including 120x240-ft. indoor arena.

NEVADA

LAUGHLIN

LAUGHLIN EVENTS CENTER

COST: \$20 million

ARCHITECT: Populous/CSL

FEATURES: Site analysis complete for a new 6,000-8,000-seat multi-purpose facility.

NEW MEXICO

CAPITAN

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR (SMOKEY BEAR STAMPEDE)

COST: \$7 million

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: A funding plan is being developed to implement the master plan for this 35-acre, mixed-use complex in historic Lincoln County, home of Billy the Kid, and concept design of a 3,800-seat state of the art rodeo arena complex. The Smokey Bear Stampede is one of the country's largest ranch rodeos.

NORTH DAKOTA

WILLISTON

UPPER MISSOURI VALLEY FAIR

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: The master plan calls for the renovation and expansion of the fairgrounds to enhance entrances, add parking, expand the grandstands/entertainment areas, improve the pedestrian mall and build a new multipurpose exhibition hall.

OHIO

GALLIPOLIS

GALLIA COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR (RELOCATION)

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: The master plan calls for relocation of the Gallia County Junior Fair to a nearby hillside location. New facilities would include an expo hall, livestock hall, tractor pull-demolition derby area, entertainment stage and show ring.

OKLAHOMA

BLACKWELL

KAY COUNTY FREE FAIR

FEASIBILITY: GH2

FEATURES: Kay County Commissioners have approved a search for property for a new fairgrounds, which would take the fair outside Blackwell and sever ties with that city.

CHICAKASHA

GRADY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (EXPANSION)

COST: \$1.3 million

OPENING DATE: 2013

OWNER: Grady County

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Renovation of their outdoor rodeo arena is phase one, funded through a fairgrounds improvement tax that is about to sunset. Further expansion plans, to be funded, call for a new 150X300-ft., climate-controlled indoor arena, 1,000-1,200 seats, 212 heated stalls and show offices.

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR EXPO HALL AND COVERED EQUESTRIAN ARENA

COST: \$60 million and \$4 million

OPENING DATE: 2013

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: The concept design is complete and funding approved for the 300,000 sq. ft. expo hall. The new 150X400-ft. arena is under construction, to be completed in June 2013, and will be among the largest covered arenas in North America. It will be connected to the existing horse barns and will feature 10,000 sq. ft. of covered livestock pens.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CAMDEN

SOUTH CAROLINA EQUESTRIAN PARK INDOOR ARENA

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Pending Nov. bond issue. Convertible (open-air/enclosed) new main performance arena with a 120x240-ft. floor; 1,000 seats; offices; concessions; toilets; covered connector to existing arena. Facility also features outdoor vendor plaza at arena entrances.

TEXAS

BRYAN

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY EQUINE CENTER

COST: \$80 million

OPENING DATE: 2014 (Phase 1)

OWNER/OPERATOR: Texas A&M University

MASTERPLAN: GH2

FEATURES: The equestrian facility

will include locker rooms, offices, a concessions building, a 50-stall barn, two covered warm-up arenas and two covered competition arenas, and will be the premier collegiate equestrian facility in the country. Phase one, \$35 million, will be complete in 2014.

HOUSTON

ASTRODOME (RETROFIT) & ASTROARENA

OWNER/OPERATOR: CSL

International / Harris County Sports Authority

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Five redevelopment options for the Astrodome have been completed and submitted to the Harris County Commissioners for review. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo President Skip Wagner thinks a rehab of the Astroarena will happen first.

MERCEDES

RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO

COST: \$7 million

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Master plan includes improvements to the existing 5,000-seat arena including development of different seating types and prices, sun screening to allow for earlier performances, new ticket booths, signage and other patron amenities, an announcer's box, bucking chutes and return alleys.

TAYLOR

EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY EVENTS CENTER

COST: \$20 million

OWNER: County and City

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Master plan and concept design for complex consists of renovation and enhancement of an existing arena and the addition of 50,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space, 200 horse stalls and support facilities. The complex will be home of the Taylor Rodeo and the Williamson County Junior Livestock Show and other major community events.

TYLER

PARK OF EAST TEXAS

MASTERPLAN: Ron Mabry Architects

and GH2 Equestrian Architects

FEATURES: The Park of East Texas is an entertainment and confer-

ence development in west Tyler. The master plan includes an event center, first class equestrian park, hotel, convention and exhibition center, amphitheater and promenade on the banks of a lake with hike and bike trails. Also planned is a fully-equipped RV park, visitor's center and educational areas.

ROSENBERG

FT. BEND COUNTY FAIR

COST: \$17 million

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: The recently completed master plan proposes to replace existing barns with a modern 165,000-sq.-ft. exhibition building and to improve the existing rodeo arena by enclosing the building and making seating improvements.

WACO

EXTRACO EVENTS CENTER

COST: \$22.5 million

OWNER: Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Funding is underway to implement a master plan and concept design/pricing for a 77,000-sq.-ft. exhibition building, two 144-stall horse barns, RV Park, parking and renovation of the existing arena.

WHITESBORO

WHITESBORO MULTIUSE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

OWNER: City

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Developing a master plan and design documents for a new regional equestrian/multiuse facility. Among possible elements are a primary indoor event arena, indoor practice arena, outdoor arenas and round pens. At least 400 stalls are needed.

UTAH

COALVILLE

SUMMIT COUNTY FAIR

COST: \$120 million

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: Site analysis underway for this fairgrounds near Park City.

SOURCE: Venues Today Research/Populous