

Colorado Convention Center Expansion

Project Info

Design-Build Team: Hensel Phelps Construction Co. (Prime), with tvsdesign
City Council District: 9 – Candi CdeBaca

Scope

The expansion will add 80,000 square feet of flexible meeting space in a new level on top of the existing Colorado Convention Center (“CCC”). The multifunctional meeting space will be capable of being configured as a single, large room for ballroom-style events, or divided into smaller meeting rooms to host corporate and association meetings. The project will provide required code and life safety upgrades, and include supporting spaces, including pre-function (lobby) space, an outdoor terrace, restrooms, elevators and escalators from lower levels, and supporting back-of-house spaces including kitchen facilities, storage, storage areas and service corridors. The project will achieve LEED Gold Certification and will include features that improve the quality and character of the facility and guest experience, enhancing technology and connectivity, and delivering flexible and unique spaces, all of which will keep the CCC functional and attractive for years to come.

Procurement

Four firms submitted qualifications submittals. Hensel Phelps, PCL, and Weitz were shortlisted. Hensel Phelps was selected. The selection committee comprised of Denver Arts & Venues and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI).

Schedule

NTP:	Q3 2020	Construction Starts:	Q2 2021
Design & Permitting:	Q3 2020 – Q2 2021	Completion:	Q4 2023

Budget / Funding

The contract amount for this procurement is \$212M. Dedicated funding sources including \$104M from Measure 2C passed by voters in 2015 and \$129M in certificates of participation (COP) issued in 2018, with repayment of the COPs derived from Tourism Improvement District revenues (the hotelier-supported downtown Denver tax district established in a special November 2017 election) a portion of the seat tax and excess revenues from the Convention Center Hotel Authority.

M/WBE

- Design M/WBE Requirement = 22%, Construction M/WBE Requirement = 17%
- Compliance Plan and Dedicated M/WBE Coordinator

Workforce Plan

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- Outreach to Target Populations and Zip Codes
- Collaboration with WORKNOW platform
- 15% of construction hours shall be performed by apprentices.
 - Of those: 25% shall be by residents in Targeted Areas or from Targeted Populations and 25% by first-year apprentices
- Regular reporting on progress towards requirements

Economic Impact

- 2,691 jobs supported by expansion, including hundreds of skilled trades jobs, 15% apprenticeship requirement included in the contract offers training opportunities for Denver residents currently out of work
- Generate \$195M in labor income
- Generate \$474.8M in sales
- Add approximately \$4B to the Gross Regional Product (GRP).