

Henderson Event Center

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City of Henderson Votes to Award Design/Build Contract for Henderson Event Center to Local Team

Henderson, Nev. --- The Henderson City Council yesterday voted to award a design/build contract for the Henderson Event Center, future home of the American Hockey League Henderson Silver Knights and other cultural and community events, to a local team headed by [The Whiting Turner Contracting Company](#) as **Lead Design/Builder**. Other team partners include Las Vegas-based [Klai Juba Wald Architecture + Interiors](#) as **Lead Architect** and [Perkins and Will \(P+W, Inc. Nevada\)](#) as **Specialty Architect**.

The \$84 million contract requires the awardee to design and build the project to requirements established by the City and SK Arena, LLC, an affiliate of the Vegas Golden Knights and owner of the Henderson Silver Knights, for a maximum price guarantee of \$70 million with \$14 million preserved for technology and contingencies. Project costs are being shared equally through a public-private partnership between the City of Henderson and SK Arena.

The project, which reimagines the existing Henderson Pavilion as an indoor, year-round event venue, is supported by more than 70 percent of Henderson residents as determined by a statistically valid survey conducted by Discovery Nevada, an independent market research firm and a partnership of Applied Analysis and Discovery Research Group.

“This is another great day for Henderson that continues to build on our growing relationship with the Vegas Golden Knights and professional sports,” said Mayor Debra March, City of Henderson. “Today’s vote creates a clear path to bring to fruition the vision originally created for the Henderson Pavilion with a new, first-rate venue in one of the most vibrant areas of Henderson. Thanks to the partnership and support of the Vegas Golden Knights, Henderson will proudly claim its first professional sports team to play in the City - the Henderson Silver Knights - while simultaneously creating a new home for arts, culture and other community events.

“Construction of the Henderson Event Center will generate more than 1,000 jobs during construction and approximately 200 full- and part-time jobs annually during its ongoing operation,” said March. “Those numbers are not lost on us as our city and our community recovers from the economic impact of COVID-19.”

According to Rob Herr, Assistant City Manager, Chief Infrastructure Officer, City of Henderson, the winning team boasts unparalleled experience designing and building major sports and entertainment venues in our valley and nationwide and reflects a deep understanding of the local landscape.

“The team’s design met all our requirements for creating a transformational, multi-purpose community venue with professional hockey at its centerpiece,” said Herr. “Most importantly, their design includes

thoughtful plans for landscaping and greenbelt areas, ample parking and publicly accessible open space to maintain connectivity with the surrounding area.”

Whiting Turner, with offices in Southern Nevada, has a strong history of building sports venues including UNLV Thomas & Mack Center modernization, UNLV Fertitta Football complex, Quicken Loans Arena transformation, and Georgia Tech AMC replacement facility. Klai Juba Wald Architecture + Interiors’ local arena projects include The Orleans Arena, Mandalay Bay Event Center, UNLV Thomas & Mack Center modernization, and UNLV Fertitta Football complex. And Perkins and Will (P+W, Inc. Nevada) has several NHL and AHL arenas to its credit, including AHL Phantoms/PPL Center, AHL Barracudas/Solar4America Arena, AHL Manitoba Moose and NHL Jets/Bell MTS Place, and NHL Sharks/SAP Center.

Upon completion, the City will maintain ownership of the land and the building, while SK Arena will lease the facility for the 20-year duration of the agreement with the option for two five-year extensions. SK Arena will operate and maintain the facility and oversee its programming, bringing a variety of first-class sporting, musical and cultural events to the community, including approximately 34 AHL hockey games.

Construction on the venue and surrounding improvement is expected to begin late summer or early fall 2020 with completion by early 2022.

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