

VB ARENA NEWS

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A RECENT SUCCESS

On December 9, 2014, the Virginia Beach City Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution approving the term sheet for the construction of a major entertainment and sports arena at the oceanfront.

Sincerest thanks from United States Management, LLC, (USM) to the project team and all those who have participated in public forums and contributed time and efforts in helping achieve this important milestone.



LATEST UPDATES AND PROGRESS

The USM team, City of Virginia Beach staff, and other key stakeholders have kicked off the New Year meeting multiple times each week in an effort to complete a comprehensive agreement for the Arena Project. The goal is to have documents completed in time for an anticipated vote by City Council in the Spring of 2015.

Several workgroups have been established to develop a framework for policies and procedures in the areas of parking and traffic management, event day services, and booking and coordination with city planners and services, including the CVB and Virginia Beach Convention Center. Additional workgroups are focused on all aspects of design and construction and creating the actual agreement.

All participants are motivated to identify potential issues and concerns, and actively seek solutions that will make the wisest use of City and developer resources and best manage potential impact to neighboring communities and businesses. Everyone is working towards the goal of opening a successful arena that coordinates well with City and public events, creates opportunities for local residents to enjoy, and new reasons for tourists to visit the Hampton Roads area year round.

Projected Timeline

Spring 2015 – City Council to vote on Comprehensive Agreement

Fall 2015 – Ground Breaking

Fall 2017 – Grand Opening

“We will deliver a world-class venue with premier entertainment and be good neighbors to the Oceanfront community.” USM

UPCOMING EVENT

Deputy City Manager, Doug Smith, and a USM representative will be attending the [Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations \(VBCCO\)](#) General Membership meeting to discuss the Arena Project.

When: February 26th, 7:00 pm to 8:30pm

Where: Virginia Beach Central Library (Auditorium)

Who: Open to members of civic organizations affiliated with the VBCCO





ATTENTION SUPPLIERS & SUBCONTRACTORS

Interested in bidding on the VB Arena project? If so, complete the registration on S.B. Ballard Construction Company's project collaboration site and stay tuned for project information.

Register at:

<https://register.sballard.com/>

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USM TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

SMG World

Pollstar, a trade publication for the concert tour industry, ranks **32 SMG-managed** arenas in **Top 200 venues worldwide**, including: UVA's John Paul Jones Arena (Charlottesville, VA), Richmond Coliseum (Richmond, VA), and Pinnacle Bank Arena (Lincoln, NE). To see the full list of SMG-managed arenas that made the ranking, [click here](#).

Clark Nexsen

Clark Nexsen's corporate headquarters relocated from Norfolk to Virginia Beach Town Center this past summer. The impressive new headquarters is in the **Main Street tower**; the entire building was designed by Clark Nexsen. [Click here](#) to take a photo tour of the new headquarters on the Daily Press site.

Mortenson Construction Company

Mortenson Construction Company, serving as Construction Manager at Risk for the new Minnesota Vikings Stadium, recently confirmed that 35% of the Stadium construction is complete. Despite bitter cold weather and below-zero temperatures, **the project has remained on schedule**.

*Major acts currently bypassing Hampton Roads:
Taylor Swift recently scheduled tour stops to PNC Arena in Raleigh, NC and Time Warner Cable Arena Charlotte, NC, as well as a stop in Washington D.C.*

MEET THE TEAM

Monthly feature of USM team members

JON NIEMUTH, AIA, NCARB, LEED
AECOM, Director of Sports Americas



Since 1995, Jon has been responsible for leading the design and planning of collegiate and professional stadium and arena work with AECOM. He's been involved in designing numerous arenas, including the AT&T Center, Barclays Center, FedEx Forum, Sprint Center, Time Warner Cable Arena, John Paul Jones Arena, and Verizon Center, to name a few.

Jon led the design of the CenturyLink Field Stadium, home to the Seattle Seahawks who are headed to Super Bowl XLIX! The stadium has a seat capacity of 72,000 and roof coverage for 70% of the seats; the roof was curved to reflect noise toward the field, making it one of the loudest outdoor sports stadiums and creating a tremendous fan experience.

Jon and his team at AECOM are the lead architects for the new NBA Sacramento Kings arena currently under construction. Set to open Fall 2016.