



Case Study: Phoenix Convention Center, Phase 1, Phoenix, Arizona

Client: Leo A Daly / HOK Venue



Project

The Phoenix Convention Center expansion provides a spacious, high-tech and client-friendly facility with approximately 900,000 square feet of meeting and exhibition space, and 2.7 million square feet total. Through sequential demolition and reconstruction, the new facilities provide three times the amount of space on the same site as the original buildings.

The convention center remained fully operational throughout all construction phases. Adding 570,000 square feet of meeting and exhibition space, the Phoenix Convention Center is nearly tripling in size. Completed in December 2008, the Phoenix Convention Center is now one of the top 20 convention centers in the United States in terms of size.

Our role

Rider Levett Bucknall provided cost management services, project management, scheduling, value engineering and change order analysis throughout the project. Current Rider Levett Bucknall staff previously served on the convention center's management team, overseeing the expansion program through planning, design and construction phases. Rider Levett Bucknall staff continue to serve as owner's representatives for the project, preparing for completion, close-out, occupancy and opening.

Client benefits

Rider Levett Bucknall provided aggressive and proactive, unbiased advice on the cost and scheduling implications of potential design changes. The client was able to get detailed cost estimates for all trade packages so that costs were understood and reconciled with the CM at Risk.



Testimonial

"During the course of the first phase of the Phoenix Convention Center's expansion, Rider Levett Bucknall not only provided very sound cost advice, but excellent assistance in defining strategies for cost management and a keen ability to focus the project team's efforts on the important issues."

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