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**TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER NAMED PROJECT OF THE YEAR FROM APWA
ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA**
*Project Named 2014 Public Works Project of the Year for Structures \$5 million, but less than
\$25 million*

Tucson, AZ – The Tucson Convention Center renovations has been awarded the American Public Works Association 2014 Project of the Year for structures \$5 million, but less than \$25 million in both the Southern Arizona and State-wide competitions. Winning at the state level elevates the project to compete at the national level, which will occur June.

The APWA Public Works “Project of the Year” Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor, who working together complete public works projects.

The Tucson Convention Center renovation was not a typical project with an owner, architect, and contractor. This project was funded through a collaborative effort between the Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities District and the City of Tucson. Additionally, the staffs of the Tucson Convention Center, SMG (TCC Management), Swaim Associates (Architect), GLHN (Engineer), and Concord General Contracting (Contractor) were all part of a highly collaborative team who worked diligently to meet the design criteria, demanding schedule, and high level of quality required for this highly visible, public project.

The renovation was a \$ 9 million project that included 4,924 new fixed seats, 2,122 new portable seats, two new LED high-definition video boards, new lighting including the replacement of 990 lights, 14 restrooms, renovation of five concessions, a new half house curtain, new hockey nets to protect the audience, signage and wayfinding, ADA renovations, new drinking fountains, and new paint throughout. New sound equipment and speakers were added along with renovating the sound booth acoustically and adding new finishes. Digital signage was installed at the concessions along with fiber to provide credit card transactions. Previously, only cash was accepted. The renovations also included enclosing the existing Breezeway and redefining the entrance into the Arena.



Concord renovated the arena while the facility continued to operate and schedule events, therefore every time a new show was in production the crew had to demobilize, clean the arena from floor to ceiling, and check all plumbing, HVAC, and electrical to confirm it was functioning properly. The total schedule was 211 working days (Monday-Friday); however only 146 of those days were when TCC was under actual construction. Because of the constant schedule of events where TCC needed to be utilized, eight weeks during the project the crews worked three days and were off for four days.

Prior to this renovation, the Tucson Convention Center facility had not been updated since 1970. This project turned the facility into a state-of-the-art venue where SMG (TCC Management) could attract higher quality productions and performers for the City of Tucson - increasing revenue for the City.

“TCC’s welcoming entrance, improved efficiencies and way finding, best-in-class staging and seating, as well as concessions have increased the visibility and revenue for the City as well as provided a shining example of how government agencies can work together to achieve great things for a community,” said Fletcher McCusker, Chair of Rio Nuevo Board.

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