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Music City Center Impact Study Results Announced

Music City Center to generate \$134.9M a year in new spending for local economy

Mayor Karl Dean presented the findings of an economic impact analysis today that projects Music City Center will generate \$134.9 million in new annual spending in Nashville by 2017.

The report was completed by HVS Consulting, which recently conducted an independent feasibility analysis of Music City Center that confirmed demand for the facility and the revenues that will support it. Using the updated demand projections, the economic impact analysis specifically examines the increase in local spending that will be caused by Music City Center over what is currently generated by the Nashville Convention Center.

“This report is important because the reason to build a new downtown convention center – and the only reason I’ve supported this project from day one – is to make an investment in our city,” Dean said. “We have an opportunity to take visitor taxes and fees, and invest them in a way that creates jobs and grows our local economy.”

The \$134.9 million total economic impact of the project includes both direct spending from individuals and organizations that will use Music City Center and secondary spending that will result from their activities, such as a restaurant owner purchasing food.

In direct spending alone, the report estimates convention attendees, event planners and exhibitors will spend \$86.6 million in Nashville during a stabilized year of the center’s operations.

“If you consider the debt service at \$40 million a year, for every dollar spent on building Music City Center, the people that use the facility will spend two new dollars on goods and services in Nashville. When we refer to this project as our own economic stimulus, that’s what we’re talking about. Those new dollars go directly into our local economy,” Dean said.

Using a nationally-recognized model to estimate economic impacts, called the IMPLAN input-output model, HVS estimated



Mayor Karl Dean announces the economic impact of the proposed Music City Center from a room inside the Sommet Center overlooking the Ryman Auditorium and Lower Broadway, which was revitalized after the Nashville Convention Center opened in 1987.

that 1,524 jobs will be supported by the total new spending generated by Music City Center. The spending will also produce \$11.97 million in new local tax revenue that is not dedicated to paying off the center’s debt.

HVS is a global consulting and services firm for the hospitality and leisure industries. The HVS method for economic study of a project is considered the industry standard. More information about HVS is available at www.hvs.com.

Read the report: [Music City Center Economic and Fiscal Impacts Analysis](#)

Watch the announcement: [Music City Center Economic Impact Announcement](#)



Nashville Jams Broadway to Welcome New Year

Thousands of Nashvillians gathered to celebrate 2010 at the River Front in front of the newly renovated Hard Rock Café to ring in the new year. The event featured the first ever “Guitar Drop” in what local business owners hope will become an annual event.

International Code Council Foundation Announces Plans for Building Safety Month

The International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) announced plans to extend its 30-year tradition of hosting "Building Safety Week" to encompass a full month-long awareness campaign, "Building Safety Month" – in May 2010.

"Building Safety Month is an excellent opportunity for families and businesses across the nation to learn about critical resources that will make a difference in protecting their home and workplace environments," said Danny Lipford, home expert and host of national TV and radio programs Today's Homeowner and Homefront. "It's exciting to see this campaign expand from one week into a full month of education that will build greater awareness."

Building Safety Month aims to increase awareness about the critical importance of designing and building safe, sustainable and green structures in the United States and worldwide. As part of this expanded effort to showcase the progress made over 30 years, Building Safety Month will highlight historic milestones, current technologies and future innovations in building and fire codes, as well as construction and safety technologies.

"Building Safety Month will be a catalyst for communicating the critical role of building and fire codes in maintaining safe and sustainable environments," said Richard P. Weiland, Code Council CEO. "The sphere of knowledge among architects, engineers and skilled industry veterans needs to be shared with the public at large in order to protect families and individuals around the globe."

The official announcement will be made at the International Code Council's Annual Conference and Code Development Hearings in Baltimore this week, followed by public endorsements by leaders in the building industry including Lipford.

Commemorating a
30-year Legacy of Leadership



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL FOUNDATION
MAY 2010

Following in the tradition of Building Safety Week's yearly campaign theme, the ICCF researched today's most pressing concerns related to building safety and determined that it was necessary to focus on four key areas (one each week) for Building Safety Month 2010: Energy and Green Building; Disaster Safety and Mitigation; Fire Awareness and Safety; and Backyard Safety.

Even after 30 years, there is still a growing need for collaboration between code and fire officials, retailers and homeowners to ensure the places where we live, work and play are safe. Countless accidents still occur in homes across the United States and globally when buildings are built, remodeled or maintained with little or no knowledge of model codes – and why they are important. All people need protection from potential tragedy due to fire, structural collapse and general deterioration in our homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores or places of entertainment.

Building codes embrace all aspects of building construction - fire and structural items as well as the plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems. They provide safeguards and ensure uniformity in the construction industry. While codes provide the means to reduce risks to an acceptable level, no code can totally eliminate all of the potential hazards. Only through proper design, sound construction practices and effective code administration programs, can owners ensure safe and hazard-free buildings for occupants.

More details on Building Safety Month will be released in the coming months including details on key leadership support, events and resources available.

For information on sponsorship opportunities for Building Safety Month 2010, please visit: <http://www2.icc-foundation.org/bsm>

DOE Launches New Website on Energy Technology Information

United States Secretary of Energy Steven Chu has announced that the Department of Energy is launching Open Energy Information (www.openEI.org) - a new open-source web platform that will make DOE resources and open energy data widely available to the public. The data and tools housed on the free, editable and evolving wiki-platform will be used by government officials, the private sector, project developers, the international community, and others to help deploy clean energy technologies across the country and around the world. The website was launched as part of a broader effort at DOE, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and across the Obama Administration to promote the openness, transparency, and accessibility of the federal government.

"This information platform will allow people across the globe to benefit from the Department of Energy's clean energy data and technical resources," said Secretary Chu. "The true potential of this tool will grow with the public's participation – as they add new data and share their expertise – to ensure that all communities have access to the information they need to broadly deploy the clean energy resources of the future."

DOE worked closely with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and other National Laboratories to develop and populate the Open Energy Information Platform. The site currently houses more than 60 clean energy resources and data sets, including maps of worldwide solar and wind potential, information on climate zones, and best practices. OpenEI.org also links to the [Virtual Information Bridge to Energy \(VIBE\)](http://www.vibe.energy.gov), which is designed as a data analysis hub that will provide a dynamic portal for better understanding energy data. NREL will continue to develop, monitor, and maintain both sites.

Members of the American public and the energy community globally will have the opportunity going forward to upload additional data to the site and download the information in easy-to-use formats. [OpenEI.org](http://www.openEI.org) will also play an important role providing technical resources, including U.S. lab tools, which can be used by developing countries as they move toward clean energy deployment. Over time, the plan is to expand this portal to include on-line training and technical expert networks.

Do Not Enter an Unprotected Trench!



For your safety:

- Slope or bench trench walls, or
- Shore trench walls with supports, or
- Shield trench walls with trench boxes.
- Provide safe access through the use of ladders, ramps or stairways.
- Keep heavy equipment away from trench edges.
- Know where underground utilities are prior to digging.
- Keep excavated or other materials at least 2 feet back from the edge of trench.

OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.



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To get more information, report an emergency or contact your local office:

www.osha.gov • (800) 321-OSHA • TTY (877) 889-5627



Strategic Management Team Update

Do you want to know where you can go to get answers to questions about crime rates or the air quality in Nashville? We have the information that can keep the public informed about what Metro Nashville Government is doing to produce results! The Strategic Management Team has made available, on the web, performance data that support each of Nashville's priorities: Education, Livability and Public Safety, and Economic Development.

To view the performance data online for each of the four priorities, go to:

<http://www.nashville.gov/finance/strategicmgt/cgmp/index.asp>

Winter Safety Tips

When the temperature turns south for the winter, construction workers need to take precautions to protect themselves against the cold weather, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"When the body is unable to warm itself, serious cold-related illnesses and injuries may occur," OSHA warns, "and permanent tissue damage and death may result."

Hypothermia

Workers who are exposed to a combination of low temperatures, not necessarily below freezing, and brisk winds or wet clothing can succumb to hypothermia, in which body temperature drops to or below 95-degrees Fahrenheit.

The first thing to do for a case of hypothermia is to call for emergency help.

On land, workers suffering from hypothermia should be moved to a warm, dry area. Wet clothing should be replaced by dry clothing or blankets. If the person is alert, they should drink warm, sweet beverages, but avoid coffee, tea, hot chocolate or alcohol.

Have the person suffering from hypothermia move their arms and legs to create muscle heat. If they are unable to do this, place warm bottles or hot packs in the arm pits, groin, neck and head areas. However, do not rub the person's body or place them in warm bath water, which can stop the heart.

Prolonged exposure to below-zero temperatures can lead to frost bite, in which the skin becomes pale, waxy, hard and numb. Fingers, hands, toes, feet, ears and the nose are usually affected.

Frost Bite

For frost bite, seek medical attention as soon as possible. Move the person to a dry area and remove any wet or tight clothing that might be cutting off the flow of blood to the affected area. Do not rub the affected area.

Gently place the affected area in a warm (105-degree Fahrenheit) water bath and monitor the water temperature to slowly

warm the tissue. Pouring warm water directly on the affected area can result in tissue damage by causing it to warm up too quickly. Warming takes about 25-40 minutes.

After it is warmed, the affected area can become puffy and blister and have a burning feeling or numbness. When normal feeling, movement and skin color have returned, the affected area should be dried and wrapped to keep it warm.

To avoid severe tissue damage, if there is a chance the affected area will get cold again, do not warm the skin.

OSHA recommends a number of precautions for workers who are working under cold-weather conditions:

- Recognize the environmental and workplace conditions that lead to potential cold-induced illnesses and injuries.
- Learn the signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses and injuries and what to do to help the worker.
- Train your workforce about cold-induced illnesses and injuries.
- Select proper clothing for cold, wet and windy conditions. Layer clothing to adjust to changing temperatures. Wear a hat and gloves, in addition to underwear that will keep water away from the skin (polypropylene).
- Take frequent short breaks in warm, dry shelters to allow the body to warm up.
- Perform work during the warmest part of the day.
- Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm.
- Use the buddy system; work in pairs.
- Drink warm, sweet beverages (sugar water, sports-type drinks). Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Eat warm, high-calorie foods like hot pasta dishes.
- Workers should also be aware that they are at increased risk in a cold work environment when:
 - They have predisposing health conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension.
 - They take certain medication. Check with your doctor, nurse or pharmacy to find out if any medicines you are taking can affect you in the cold.
 - They are in poor physical condition, have a poor diet or are older.

COLE NAMED METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE ARTS COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Jennifer Gilligan Cole, presently Vice President of Strategy & Partnerships for the Atlanta-headquartered Points of Light Institute & HandsOn Network, has been named executive director of the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission (Nashville Arts).

Cole, who lives in Nashville, was Chief Executive Officer of Hands On Nashville, Inc. from February 2001 until January 2007 when she became an advisor to the national Points of Light Institute & HandsOn Network. In November of 2007, she was named Vice President of Development & Corporate Affairs and was promoted to her current position, which involved a number of high-profile responsibilities including orchestration of a nationwide Cities of Service partnership with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the United We Serve effort launched by the White House in June.

Cole, selected from a field of more than 400 applicants, will begin work in the new position on January 19 according to Jane Alvis, Nashville Arts Commission Chair, who also steered the eleven-month nationwide search and selection process.

“When we began the search process, we said we were intent on finding the right person for the job and we have done just that,” Alvis said. “Jen Cole is a proven senior executive with extensive accomplishments in non-profit leadership, strategy, public communication, high-value partnerships and organizational oversight. She is a passionate supporter of the arts with a focus on innovative results. We couldn’t be happier that she has accepted the position and agreed to serve the people of Nashville.”

In addition to her strategic work with HandsOn Network Cole led her own consulting firm, Community Concepts, where she focused on providing strategic business planning and organizational development for nonprofits and small businesses. She is currently a member of Lockeland Parent Teacher Organization

and serves on the board of the Children’s House Montessori School, the Nashville Women’s political Caucus and the Governor’s Commission on Civic Education. She is a member of the Metro Action Commission.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, Jennifer Cole worked in a variety of service organizations, including America’s Promise—the Alliance for Youth, Earth Force, Inc., Delaware Commission on National & Community Service, and Points of Light Foundation, before moving to Nashville in early 2001.

Mayor Karl Dean praised the Commission’s selection. “Jen Cole is an excellent choice for executive director at Nashville Arts. She is a strong leader with a heart for public service,” the Mayor said. “I appreciate the Commission’s thoughtful deliberation as they’ve conducted this search process. I look forward to what the Arts will be able to accomplish under Jen’s direction.” Victor Simmons, curator of the Fisk University Galleries and a Nashville Arts Commissioner who served on the search committee, said he believes Cole will bring refreshing energy to her new position. “It is clear to me that Ms. Cole has both the mind and the heart for taking Arts in Nashville to new levels. I was impressed with her poise and maturity in addition to her accomplishments,” Simmons said.

The search committee chaired by Alvis, was composed of Commission Members Laurie Eskind, Meg McFayden, Joseph “Pepe” Presley, Nancy Saturn, and Simmons. The Nashville Arts executive director position was vacated in September 2008 upon the departure of Norree Boyd. Sandra Duncan has served as interim director since that time and she will now return to her previous role as Public Art Program Manager for Nashville Arts, Alvis said.



H1N1 Clinic Open At Metro Public Health Department

The Metro Public Health Department continues to offer H1N1 vaccination clinics at the Lentz Health Center, 311 23rd Ave. North as more than 40,000 Nashvillians have taken advantage of the service.

H1N1 flu shots are offered without restriction. The H1N1 FluMist nasal spray vaccine is offered only to those persons who are 2 – 49 years of age, without underlying health conditions, and not pregnant.

The Metro Public Health Department offers free H1N1 flu vaccinations at the Lentz Health Center Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The latest information about H1N1 influenza and flu vaccine is available on the Health Department’s website – www.health.Nashville.gov, or by calling (615) 340-7775.

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**CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY
RECYCLING LIVE TREES**

Metro to provide multiple sites for convenient drop-off service

Davidson County residents can recycle their live Christmas trees at one of 10 Metro sites again this holiday season. Metro Public Works will collect them for mulching at the city's Bordeaux Mulch Facility.

All trees must be free of lights, ornaments, icicles, all tinsel and garland. No flocked trees can be accepted.

WHO: Metro Parks & Recreation and Metro Public Works departments
WHAT: Christmas Tree Drop-off Program
WHEN: December 28, 2009 to February 16, 2010
WHERE: Any one of the following Metro Parks:

Cane Ridge, Cedar Hill, Edwin Warner, Elmington, Joelton, Richland, Sevier, Two Rivers and Whitfield; or Una Recreation Center, 136 Una Recreation Road

Recycling Christmas trees into mulch, rather than dumping them in the trash, in an alley or other seemingly deserted area, keeps them out of landfills and helps save Metro the cost of disposal fees, Public Works Director Billy Lynch said.

Between 12,000 and 15,000 Christmas trees are recycled each year at Metro sites.

Residents can also take their live trees to the Bordeaux facility, which is open Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 862-8750 or visit www.nashville.gov/Recycle .