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Located in Bellevue, Washington, the 54,000 square foot Meydenbauer Center opened in 1993 as the Greater Seattle area's second largest convention facility. Meydenbauer Center was built to grow and sustain Bellevue's economic vitality.

The Center hosts a wide variety of corporate meetings, banquets, consumer shows, conventions, and community events and employs 32 full- and up to 50 part-time staff.

At Meydenbauer Center we have been actively engaged in efforts to minimize our impact on the environment since we opened in 1993. We work with planners to ensure waste is minimized, recyclables are handled efficiently and energy use is managed throughout the event.

## Key Statistics

In 2008, Meydenbauer Center:

- Hosted 396 conventions and events
- Welcomed 212,556 attendees
- Generated \$21 million in economic impact

The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center hosted 182 performances by local and regional performing arts groups attended by approximately 36,897 patrons.

## Main Features

- 36,000 sq.ft. Center Hall, divides in two  
Center Hall was totally renovated in 2007 and features ceiling and acoustical wall treatments, carpeting, enhanced lighting and decorative elements.
- With its 2007 renovation, Center Hall is one of the largest carpeted meeting/ event spaces in the Pacific Northwest.
- 12,000 sq.ft. meeting rooms; divides into nine separate rooms. Largest room is 6,000 sq.ft.
- 3,500 sq.ft.-410 seat slope floor theatre
- 2,500 sq.ft Executive Conference Suite
- 434 parking spaces
- Full-service kitchen and in-house catering.

## Management

Meydenbauer Center is owned and operated by the Bellevue Convention Center Authority, a public development authority. The seven-member board is appointed by the Bellevue City Manager and confirmed by city council.

## Funding

In August of 1991, the BCCA issued \$29.4 million in bonds to finance construction of Meydenbauer Center. This consisted of \$7.4 million in Special Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 1991A and \$22.0 million in Special Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 1991B. The bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City of Bellevue.

The City of Bellevue issued bonds of \$5.1 million in 1995 and \$10.5 million in 2002 on behalf of Meydenbauer Center. The 1995 bond proceeds financed various capital projects, including design work for expansion. The 2002 bond proceeds purchased the land under Meydenbauer Center and parcels adjacent to Meydenbauer for future expansion.

Meydenbauer Center is a self-sustaining facility which uses no general funds or taxes from Bellevue residents. Operating expenses are funded by revenues generated from direct charges to facility users for rent, catering and other meeting services and Bellevue hotel/motel taxes.

## The Future

The Bellevue City Council in 1997 approved preliminary plans to nearly double the convention center's functional space. In 2006, Bellevue City Council closed a deal to buy the land beneath Meydenbauer Center and in the City purchased the option parcel for expansion. Currently that parcel is leased to Schnitzer West for construction staging for the Bravern project which is slated to open in 2009.

## Meydenbauer Center Vision

"Our vision is to be an outstanding event and performing arts center that generates community and employee pride, creates economic stimulation and provides exceptional guest satisfaction."