

MEYDENBAUER FACT SHEET

Located in Bellevue, Washington, Meydenbauer Convention Center opened in 1993. Meydenbauer Center was built to grow and sustain Bellevue's economic vitality.



The Center hosts a wide range of corporate meetings, banquets, consumer shows, conventions, and community events and employs 67 full- and up to 103 part-time staff. In 2015 a \$12.5 million renovation transformed the building's interiors with modern furnishings, warm finishes, expressive lighting and abundant natural light. Renovations also included upgrades to the exterior of the building and new technology solutions.

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

Key Statistics

In 2017, Meydenbauer Center:

- Hosted 297 conventions and events
- Welcomed 143,569 attendees
- Generated operating revenues of over \$9.6 million
- Contributed \$58 million in economic impact for the community

The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center hosted 141 performances by local and regional performing arts groups attended by over 37,000 patrons.

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.”

Main Features

- The 36,000 sq. ft. Center Hall can be divided into two 18,000 sq. ft. spaces
- Center Hall features ceiling and acoustical wall treatments, enhanced light and decorative elements, and carpeting, making it one of the largest carpeted 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

Funding

Meydenbauer Center is a self-sustaining facility proceeds from hotel-motel tax are used to cover debt, net operations and capital. Operating expenses are primarily funded by revenues generated from direct charges to facility users for rent, catering and other meeting services. No City of Bellevue general funds are used to support the Center.

Management

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

The BCCA encompasses three divisions:

- Meydenbauer Convention Center
- Meydenbauer Center Theatre
- Visit Bellevue Washington (Destination Marketing Organization)

