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WINSTAR CONVENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

- Chickasaw Nation officials, WinStar World Casino and Resort officials, elected officials and community members broke ground on the WinStar Convention Center on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. At the time of the ceremony, construction was in the beginning stages with work being completed on the necessary underground utilities.
- Crews began pouring the concrete foundation in July 2015 and completed the underground plumbing and electrical wiring the same month.
- The foundation of the convention center was completed in September 2015 and steel was erected to form the bones of the facility in October 2015.
- The building's structural skeleton was up and crews began adding exterior walls in December 2015. The process closed up the building and prepared it for the next phase of construction.
- Exterior walls were framed and sheathed in January 2016. Roofing was also added that month. Crews started framing and installing sheet rock to the interior walls.
- The convention center's kitchen started taking shape in February 2016. Concrete was poured in the walk-in coolers and installation of various kitchen equipment began. Also during this time, ceiling framing work was installed in the grand and junior ballrooms. Doors and hardware were also added to the structure.
- In March 2016, sheetrock was added to the grand ballroom and roofing activities were completed. The building was on permanent power and HVAC equipment was being installed.

- Acoustical panels and decorative art glass was installed in the grand ballroom in April 2016. Crews began installing audio-visual equipment.
- In May 2016, woodwork, chandeliers, wall sconces and art glass panels were installed in the grand ballroom. More kitchen equipment was installed and electrical and plumbing connections were added. The demolition and re-build of the connecting corridor into the WinStar World Casino Hotel lobby was near completion.
- In June, July and August, crews added carpet, paint, décor and final touches to the building.
- Chickasaw Nation and WinStar officials held a ribbon cutting to officially open the WinStar Convention Center on Sept. 9, 2016.



WINSTAR CONVENTION CENTER AMENITIES AND CONSTRUCTION FACT SHEET

The WinStar Convention Center paves the way for a new era of event hosting at WinStar World Casino and Resort. The convention center, conveniently located off Interstate 35, gives businesses and organizations first-class accommodations for events, meetings, conventions, trainings and much more.

The 66,950-square-foot, multi-purpose Convention Center is located at the southeast corner of the casino, with direct access to the casino floor and WinStar's hotel towers.

This newest expansion of services creates a total of 50 new jobs at WinStar. Twenty will be WinStar employees and 30 will be Traditions Spirits employees – the casino-resort's food and beverage service provider.

- Construction of the facility was completed in 17 months with an opening date of September 2016. The architects at Rees Associates of Oklahoma City designed the facility. Manhattan Construction Group managed construction of the building from start to finish.
- The Convention Center will house 33,000 square feet of functional space and a 15,000-square-foot grand ballroom.
- The grand ballroom is equipped with a flexible wall system to host events of varying sizes. The grand ballroom has a seating capacity to serve up to 800 guests with banquet-style seating and up to 2,000 guests with theatre-style seating.
- The convention center also houses a junior ballroom and three executive boardrooms for meetings. The junior ballroom has seating for up to 400 people with banquet-style seating and 700 guests with theatre-style seating. It also features a flexible wall system to accommodate groups of different sizes.

- A 12,500-square-foot, state-of-the art banquet kitchen is on site and enables companies or organizations to have numerous on-site catering options. The kitchen is designed to accommodate preparation of a variety of meals, ranging from a deli-board buffet to high-end, multi-course dining.
- The new meeting and ballroom spaces are equipped with advanced, network-based ADA compliant audio, high-definition video and integrated lighting systems. All of the amenities can be controlled wirelessly through a designated control tablet. The grand and junior ballrooms feature multi-colored lighting that can be designed based on the specifications of the event being hosted.
- Rigging attachment points have been installed in the ceiling in the functional spaces to allow for hanging of draperies, scenery, supplementary lighting and speakers and image displays that will suit many different types of events.
- Special attention was paid to a series of artisan chandeliers located in the grand and junior ballrooms. There are 17 chandeliers located in the facility. Each chandelier is composed of hand-blown glass. Due to their fragile nature, the pieces were installed individually by hand. Texas-based company Value Works, Inc., provided the custom-fabricated pieces and completed the installation. It took as many as six people working up to 10 hours a day for 35 days to finish the installation of the chandeliers.
- About 75 percent of the convention center is carpeted. This required crews to install approximately 55,000 square feet of carpet.
- The frame of the convention center was erected using 388 tons of structural steel.
- Crews poured 1,240 cubic yards of concrete to make the convention center's foundation slab.



WINSTAR CONVENTION CENTER BY THE NUMBERS

- **66,950:** Size of the WinStar Convention Center in square feet
- **15,582:** Size of the grand ballroom in square feet
- **2,000:** Maximum occupancy of the grand ballroom. The grand ballroom has a seating capacity to serve up to 800 guests with banquet-style seating and up to 2,000 guests with theatre-style seating.
- **12,500:** Size of the convention center's state-of-the-art kitchen in square feet
- **17:** Number of custom-made, hand-blown-glass chandeliers in the convention center and required 35 days to complete the installation of the chandeliers.
- **75:** Percentage of the convention center covered in carpet
- **388 tons:** The amount of structural steel used to construct the frame of the convention center
- **1,240:** Amount of concrete in the convention center's foundation in cubic yards
- **50:** Jobs created by the convention center. WinStar currently employees more than 2,900 people, the hotel employs 524 and there are 305 food and beverage employees.
- **17:** Months of construction required to complete the project. Due to record breaking rain amounts in the area in May 2015, construction of the convention center was slightly delayed.



WinStar World Casino and Resort opens WinStar Convention Center

Convention center creates jobs and expected to serve as national destination

THACKERVILLE, OK (Sept. 10, 2016) – Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribe dignitaries and local officials Friday, Sept. 9 during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the newest upscale development at WinStar World Casino and Resort: the WinStar Convention Center.

The luxurious multi-purpose facility, spanning 66,950 square feet, is located at the southeast corner of the casino, with direct access to the casino's gaming floor and hotel towers.

Gov. Anoatubby said the WinStar Convention Center creates new jobs for area residents as well as builds on the casino's economic impact in the region, as it is expected to draw visitors from around the region, and beyond.

"The WinStar Convention Center will draw even greater numbers of worldwide visitors and serve as a platform to showcase the WinStar campus, as well as bring more tourism to Chickasaw Country," Gov. Anoatubby said.

More than 50 jobs will be added to the casino-resort, bringing the total number of employees to 3,673.

The state-of-the art facility is located along Interstate 35, giving business travelers, companies, organizations and wedding planners a destination to hold meetings, events, conventions and conferences of varying sizes with a resort experience.

"The design of the convention center enables multiple events to be held at the same time," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce. "We took great consideration with the layout of the facility with the customer experience at the forefront of our planning. Guests can expect a world-class experience whether it's for an elegant wedding or large, multi-day business conference."

Measuring over 15,000 square feet, the convention center's grand ballroom has capacity for up to 1,000 people and is equipped with a flexible wall system as well as audio, video and lighting

capabilities. Smaller groups can secure the junior ballroom, which can accommodate up to 700 guests. There are also three executive boardrooms and a kitchen for event catering.

Casino officials said the decor elements of the grand and junior ballrooms give them an elegant touch. One example is the 17 chandeliers located grand ballroom – each featuring numerous hand-blown glass pieces delicately installed by hand.

Designed by Oklahoma City-based architectural firm Rees Associates, construction for the convention center began in April 2015. Manhattan Construction Group served as general contractor for the project.

Organizations interested in booking events at the WinStar Convention Center should call (580) 276-8675 or visit the [WinStar Convention Center page](#).

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About WinStar World Casino and Resort

With more games than any other casino in the world, WinStar World Casino and Resort offers more than 7,400 electronic games, 98 tables games, 46 poker tables, a 3,500-seat Global Event Center and the nearly 1,400-room WinStar World Casino Hotel. Located just north of the Oklahoma/Texas border along Interstate 35, WinStar World Casino and Resort presents unrivaled gaming action 24 hours a day, seven days a week, world-class entertainers and a wide range of restaurants. For more information visit our website at www.winstarworldcasino.com.