EVENT BOOKING & COORDINATION PROCESS

Booking and coordinating your event at the Albuquerque Convention Center is easy! We have an experienced and dedicated staff ready to assist you with all of your event needs. Our process takes the stress out of event coordination.

**Step 1:** Work with a Sales Manager to book your event space and dates. They will execute your license agreement and collect rental payments and the certificate of insurance.

**Step 2:** Your event is assigned to one of our Event Managers for event planning and implementation. Your Event Manager will be your primary ACC liaison through the conclusion of your event.

**Step 3:** Work with your Catering Sales Manager on all your Food and Beverage needs. They will execute a separate catering contract and collect your catering deposit for all pre-planned catering events.

**Step 4:** Work with our preferred in-house Audio/Visual provider for all of you’re A/V needs. They are the exclusive provider for in-house sound and rigging for the ACC.
EVENT PLANNING SERVICES

This section of the Event Planning Guide will provide useful information on key areas instrumental to the planning and implementing of your event at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Throughout your coordination process, your Event Manager will be your main point of contact and will be readily available to assist you.

Audio-Visual

You may select the audio-visual provider of your choice. However, the Center’s preferred in-house audio-visual provider, offers a full range of audio-visual services including slide and video projection, sound reinforcement, video production, video conferencing and much more. Our in-house AV is also the exclusive operator of the Center’s in-house sound system and exclusive provider of a cable television feed into the Center and exclusive provider for rigging service. Patch fees may apply for an outside audio visual provider requiring access to any in-house system as well as rigging.

Electrical & Other Utilities

At the Center, our Engineering Staff provides all event electrical and utility needs for clients and exhibitors. Your Event Manager coordinates and forwards your electrical and utility needs to our Engineering Staff to ensure that your requirements are taken care of in a timely and cost-efficient manner. All your utility requirements (with the exception of exhibitor orders) should be included with your event information to your Event Manager. Please contact your Event Manager for current electrical/utility rates.

Basic meeting room rental includes standard overhead lighting, heating and/or air-conditioning and use of a standard electrical wall outlet. Rental of the exhibit halls does not include any electrical or wall outlets. Any additional electrical needs are subject to an additional cost.

Equipment Inventory/Rental

The Center is equipped with an inventory of tables and chairs to meet your requirements. Additionally, we have an inventory of special items (dance floor, lecterns, staging, easels, podiums, coat racks, etc.) available for rent. Please contact your Event Manager for details and pricing on equipment available through the Center.

Expenses

Additional services, or expenses, shall be outlined by your Event Manager once final event requirements are provided. An Event Estimate of Expenses will be prepared and will indicate the services desired, the price, and the authorization of the Licensee or designated representative. Payment for the estimate of event expenses will be due seven (7) days prior to the first day of your event.

Exclusive Services

The Albuquerque Convention Center is proud to provide the following services on an exclusive basis for all events in the facility:

- Food & Beverage
- Electrical & Utility Services
- Telecommunications & Internet
- In-House Sound/Patches
- Kiva Auditorium Built-in Sound & Light Systems
- Cable Television
- Rigging
First Aid/Emergency Medical Services (EMT)

The Center recommends that public events, trade shows, and/or events of one thousand (1,000) or more attendees, to schedule on-site emergency medical personnel, especially during your move-in/move-out periods when your exhibitors are working on-site. This is when we have found that injuries requiring medical assistance are more likely to occur. Your Event Manager will be able to assist you in scheduling this service through the Albuquerque Fire Department or other medical entity.

Floor Plans

Floor plans for meeting and ballroom space can be designed with the assistance of your Event Manager to ensure fire code requirements are met. You can access floor plans and standard room sets on our website.

Your designated General Service Contractor will help you design your exhibit space (including registration areas). Exhibit floor plans must be submitted to your Event Manager and to the Albuquerque Fire Marshal’s Office to be approved no later than thirty (30) days prior to move-in day.

Freight Deliveries

The Center will not accept any freight or materials including overnight freight services, prior to your contracted move-in date. All freight must be shipped to your General Service Contractor/Decorator who will deliver it to the Center during the designated move-in period. Any freight scheduled for delivery to the Center during move-in periods must be to the attention of the General Service Contractor/Decorator. The Center will not accept freight deliveries on behalf of Licensee, service contractors, decorators, exhibitors, etc. The Center will not accept C.O.D. shipments under any circumstances nor will it accept responsibility for the costs associated with freight delivery/pick-up. The Center will not be liable for the security of freight left in the facility following the conclusion of your move-out date(s), nor can we assume responsibility for the shipping of such freight. Freight left in the Center will be disposed of at the Licensee’s expense.

Insurance

All events booked at the ACC are required to provide liability insurance. Event insurance can be self-provided or SMG offers an excellent event insurance option through the Master Venue Program (MVP).

Additional insurance coverage, such as vehicle insurance, may be required depending on building usage. Please refer to your contract for full insurance details.

The Certificate of Insurance shall name “The City of Albuquerque and SMG, its officers, agents and employees” as additional insureds. The Certificate of insurance is due no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of occupancy.

To purchase insurance under our MVP contract rate please contact your Sales Manager.

Internet & Telecommunications

Your internet & telecommunication needs are exclusively provided by the Albuquerque Convention Center. We can provide voice lines, high-speed data lines and wireless internet service. Our telecommunication & internet partner, Showtel Communications, will install telephone lines and Internet connectivity for your staff offices as well as for your exhibitors in their booths. Exhibitors are able to order their telephone and Internet services online before they arrive on-site direct with Showtel Communications. Additional fees may apply for any telecommunication or internet services ordered.

Keys & Room Security

The Center is able to re-key meeting room locks to maintain security of the various rooms you use. We will also work with you to coordinate other security needs. It is important to remember that the Center must always have access to any area of the
facility, and reserves the right to access any area if necessary. For this reason, it is important to note that no doors may be locked or otherwise secured without prior written approval from the Center.

Please designate a single member of your staff to receive all keys needed for your event and coordinate their distribution to your designees. This person will be responsible for the return of all keys. Rental of space at the Center includes up to a total of five (5) keys on a complimentary basis, and additional keys are available for $7.50 each. Keys can be issued upon arrival and while there is no deposit, an automatic charge of $25.00 per key for any keys not returned on move-out day will be imposed. The Center has the capability to change door locks to designated rooms. The charge to re-core a lock is $60.00 per core.

**Loading In & Out**

Loading in and loading out must be done through the designated loading docks assigned to the space contracted (Authorized Areas). Loading in and loading out through the Center lobbies is strictly limited to hand-carried items. Materials, which require the use of a two-wheeled (or more) apparatus must go through the designated loading dock area. Passenger elevators and escalators are designed for passenger use and not intended to carry the heavy weights. Contact your Event Manager for the location of your designated load in and load out area.

**Parking**

Staff, attendees, vendors, exhibitors and guests may park in one of the two parking structures which flank the Center. The Convention Center Parking Garage is located at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Broadway and the Civic Plaza Garage located at Marquette Ave. and 3rd Street. Event parking in these structures is $6.00 per vehicle per day. There are no in/out privileges.

There are also numerous other public parking garages and lots available throughout downtown close to the Center. Parking fees vary. Please refer to the posted parking fees at each garage or lot.

Please contact the City of Albuquerque’s Parking Department at 505-768-4697 for further assistance with parking in the downtown area.

**Permits – Health, Business**

Permits are the responsibility of the Licensee, and while the Center will assist you with information necessary for submission, the Center cannot secure such permits on your behalf. All food shows and tradeshows where authorized food and beverage samples will be provided, must obtain a City of Albuquerque Environmental Health permit. Fees may apply, please contact your Event Manager for further details.

**Room Set-Ups & Changeovers**

The ACC will provide the initial set-up for meeting rooms and ballrooms at no charge with rental. An initial room set-up will include seating (theater, classroom, banquet rounds of 10, hollow-square or conference), a riser, a podium, a head table and water service for the speaker. Changeover fees will apply for any changes to the room set-up thereafter, with the exception of changes required to go to or from a catered function. Please contact your Event Manager for applicable changeover fees.

Rental of exhibit space does not include an initial set-up. You may opt to rent tables, chairs and staging for exhibit space through your Event Manager or through one of the Center’s approved General Service Contractors.

Please provide your Event Manager with room set-up and space specifications no later than thirty (30) days prior to your event.

**Security (Building & Event)**

Our trained building Security Staff maintains 24-hour security coverage for the Center’s perimeter areas, internal corridors and life safety alarm system. Our building security staff does **NOT** provide security for rented spaces or items left unattended in any spaces under contract. If you wish to leave items unattended in your rented spaces, you will do so at your own risk. The Center does not accept responsibility for any items lost or stolen from our facility.
The Center may require certain events to provide minimum levels of event security coverage (including Albuquerque Police Department and/or Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office staffing) in any leased space and other areas (i.e. docks, public access areas, registration areas, etc.). Such coverage will be at Licensee’s expense. Licensee may obtain event security services from the Center’s exclusive in house provider.

**Smoking Policy**

The Albuquerque Convention Center is a non-smoking facility as per the Albuquerque City Ordinance No. 14-2003 and 0-51. Licensee will be held responsible for notifying its Exhibitors, attendees and Invitees of this policy.

**Telephones**

There are no public telephones in the Center.

**Trash Removal**

A trash bin container and a trash compactor are provided for your use in designated loading dock areas. Most tradeshows inside an exhibit hall will be required to pay for a trash bin/compactor pull in their event estimate of expenses. However, this will vary by event, please contact your Event Manager for further details.

**Vendors & Service Providers**

To assist with your planning efforts, the Center has compiled a list of vendors approved to work and provide non-exclusive services in the Facility. These include general service contractors, exhibit services, event security/staffing, production services and stagehands. Please refer your Event Manager or visit our website at www.albuquerquecc.com for the Center’s Approved Vendors List. In the event your designated vendor does not appear on the Center’s approved list, please contact your Event Manager.

**Ventilation & Overhead Lighting**

The ACC will supply adequate levels of ventilation and overhead lighting necessary for set up and tear down. Full lighting, heat, and/or air conditioning will be provided during show hours and will be initiated one hour prior to each scheduled event and cease at the scheduled closing of your event. Requests for full lighting, heat and air conditioning during set-up and tear down will result in additional charges.

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**FOOD & BEVERAGE GUIDELINES**

1. Albuquerque Convention Center is the exclusive in-house caterer and food & beverage provider.
2. No outside food and beverage can be brought in and consumed in the Center at anytime without the written approval of the Center. Buyout fees may apply.
3. All arrangements for food and beverage must be contracted directly with our exclusive Catering Department.
4. Any alcoholic beverages must be purchased and served by SMG.
5. SMG can also provide the following services on an exclusive basis:
   - Grease disposal
- Composting service
- Ice service
- Candles (fire marshal approved)

Please contact our Catering Sales Department at 505-768-4575 for further assistance regarding food and beverage.

SAFETY & FIRE REGULATIONS

The ACC will provide and maintain a venue which ensures the safety of all who enter our doors. In partnership with the City of Albuquerque Fire Marshal’s Office, the ACC has adopted and will enforce applicable provisions of the Life Safety Code (LSC), the Uniform Fire Code (UFC) and the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. The following incorporates this provision along with the Center’s own rules and regulations.

1. Aisle dimensions/locations are subject to Fire Marshal approval. Aisles must be a minimum of 8’ wide and cross aisles must a minimum of 10’ wide.

2. No exhibit booth, registration table or related material may be placed within 20’ of main entrance/exit.

3. Doors, fire exits, including doors in partition walls, or access to any exit cannot be blocked or impinged upon by pipe, drape, exhibits, or other fixtures. Exit doors must be maintained in an operable condition.

4. Literature and other items cannot be stored in booth beyond what could be reasonably used in one day. Additional material must be stored in closed containers and kept in a neat and organized manner in a designated storage area.

5. Clear access must be maintained to all exits and all Center services (i.e. restrooms, concession stands, utility rooms, etc.)

6. Carpet runners or show carpet installed over the Center’s permanent carpet is prohibited without the prior written approval of the Center.

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8. Exhibit booths shall be constructed of noncombustible or limited combustible materials. Pipe and drape shall be fire retardant and shall not ignite and spread over the surface when exposed to open flame.

9. Vehicle displays shall conform to the following regulation:
   - Fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed in an approved manner
   - Fueling and de-fueling is prohibited
   - Fuel in the fuel tank shall not exceed one-quarter (1/4) of the tank capacity or five (5) gallons, whichever is less
   - Vehicles shall not be moved during show hours
   - Battery terminals shall be disconnected and taped off with a non-metallic tape

10. Show carpet will be properly stretched to eliminate uneven walking surfaces; and secured at edges and seams with double-sided gaffers or other professional tape. Transitions between carpet and bare floor will also be taped down to minimize tripping hazard. Carpet overlap in show areas may not exceed two layers.

11. Wherever possible, cords should run in non-traffic areas; and when run across traffic areas on or under carpet, taped down and marked with caution tape.

12. Candles and other open-flame decorative lighting shall not be used without advance written approval from the Fire Marshall. (Pre-approved candles can be rented through our Catering Department)
13. Compressed flammable gasses, flammable/combustible liquids and hazardous chemicals are prohibited.

14. The Fire Marshal has the discretion to mandate on-site fire inspectors and/or emergency personnel in the name of public safety. Licensee is responsible for paying fees associated with this staffing directly to the City of Albuquerque Fire Marshal’s Office.

15. Do not exceed the capacity of the electrical connection ordered and provided. Only UL-approved, grounded extension cords may be used for electrical connections. These cords can be ordered through the Center.

16. Extinguishers are required every 75 feet on the exhibit floor. Minimum rating of fire extinguishers shall be 3A40BC type.

17. The use of pyrotechnics or fireworks within the Albuquerque Convention Center is strictly regulated by the City of Albuquerque’s Fire Marshal’s Office and the Center’s Rules & Regulations. These guidelines are designed to ensure the safety of all your staff, the ACC staff, attendees and visitors, as well as protecting the structural integrity of the Center. The use of pyrotechnics or fireworks shall not be allowed in the Center without the expressed, written approval of the Fire Marshall. Please contact the City of Albuquerque’s Fire Marshal’s Office for additional information and required permits.

18. Tents and canopies cannot exceed 300 square feet without the written approval of the Fire Marshall.

Polices, rental rates and equipment rental charges noted herein are subject to change without notice and supersede any version of this guide printed prior to July 2011. This Event Planning Guide and its contents are incorporated by direct reference in your License Agreement. Circumstances and operations not covered in these rules and regulations will be subject to interpretations, stipulations, and decisions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Center’s General Manager.