

### Springing toward the finish line...

by Washington County Project Manager, Geoffrey Kavulya

Unbelievably, it is eighteen months since groundbreaking. The project team is busier than ever juggling four balls - cost, schedule, scope and quality to keep the lights on. Big thanks to the team for a strategy that provides a light at the end of the tunnel. Substantial completion is around the corner.

In terms of safety and logistics, the project site has remained safe since groundbreaking. With expected activity ramp up in the next few months, safety is of utmost importance. We have clocked over 75,000 work hours thus far.

On the renewable energy front, solar PV installation on the Expo Roof is 99% complete. Moreover, EV car charging infrastructure and power panel procurement is currently underway. (See image below)

In terms of schedule, we are tracking two critical paths that run concurrently through the schedule. The first path entails video wall procurement and install, permanent power to the building, commissioning, training and punch list activities. The second longest path runs through the masonry veneer installation (exterior and interior), interior wood finishes, ceramic tile installation. Landscaping efforts are progressing well and admittedly, each tree, shrub or flower will have an interesting story to tell.

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Solar Array



## Spotlight on....



# ht: Troy Aitken, Project Engineer

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# Team Spotlight: Troy Aitken, Project Engineer Swinerton Builders

By John Ciepiela

As a Project Engineer with Swinerton, Troy has been responsible for many aspects of the building but admits that he is most proud of the successful coordination and completion of the complex structural package that includes mass timber and steel. With a degree in Civil Engineering with a focus on Structural Engineering from Gonzaga University (Go Bulldogs!), he was able to provide a unique perspective to the construction and design of the system as he was able to apply his engineering knowledge and his background in construction.

Troy initially began his career as a young child working in a geotechnical engineering lab for his family's company. While he was barely tall enough to reach the top sieve, this experience allowed him to learn the importance of communication and material testing during a construction project. He continued with this opportunity through high school and was able to become certified as an inspector in multiple different geotechnical code institutions. During his college years, he was able to intern in multiple positions within a company in Phoenix that allowed him to expand on his construction background. During this time, Troy interned under a civil engineer, structural engineer, surveyor, architect, developer, and owner's representative. This wild journey that ranged from beautiful fall days at Gonzaga to 127-degree weather in Phoenix led Troy to where he is today at Swinerton Builders.



When he is not scaring subcontractors with his new hard hat, Troy loves to stay active, be with his family, and can be found front row at multiple concerts in the area. While he is not the best hockey player on the planet, he loves to lace them up and has been known to throw a hip check or two on unsuspecting opponents. Troy has been a part of the Washington County Event Center from the pre-construction phase and is as excited as anyone to present another special building to this County.

## Project updates.....

Below- Interior work continues on the kitchen with the installation of walk-in cooler and freezer.



Above- Ceiling work continues in Conference spaces

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The glass front curtain wall is nearly complete.

As we march towards project's substantial completion, a big thank you to all our stakeholders, County leadership and all the fans of Wingspan Event and Conference Center for their continued and firm support. We look forward to a substantial completion this coming spring.

Remember to check our time lapse camera via https://app.oxblue.com/open/washingtonco/eventcenter for quick project snapshots.

As always, thank you for all you do.



# Team Spotlight: John Endsley Principal, BullockSmith

By LRS Staff



John Endsley Principal, BullockSmith

John Endsley is a Principal with BullockSmith, a consulting design architect to the Event Center project team. They are a Tennessee-based firm with an international practice, having completed planning and/or architectural work in all 50 states and worldwide. They have developed specialties in the master planning and conceptual design of a unique variety of project types ranging from instructional and laboratory research facilities to commercial offices and to event centers and multi-purpose arenas.

John brings over 30 years' experience in project management for large-scale fairgrounds, expositions, assembly spaces, complex renovation projects, institutional and commercial facilities. He began his career in the construction industry, where he gained a wealth of knowledge of the inner workings of project execution. He brings this hands-on expertise to the architectural field, where he has managed numerous projects from the designer's side. John has enjoyed his consulting work on the Event Center project, especially when he has been able to visit the site and make time to enjoy some of the fine fishing in Oregon.









WBS / Activity

🚞 WCEC Milestone Schedule

PGE Power Complete

Start Solar Installation

Start of Building Finishes

Start of Landscape

Landscape Complete

**Building Finishes Complete** 

Solar Installation Complete



**Project Schedule** 



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1/27/2020 A

10/28/2019 A

4/13/2020 A

10/9/2019 A

2/24/2020 A

Finish 4/13/2020

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