

Major Projects Hotel/Motel

On December 14, 2004, the citizens of Oklahoma City voted for a 5.5% hotel tax rate. The city adopted Ordinance No. 22,538 levying and assessing a 5.5% hotel occupancy tax and providing that the revenues from the 5.5% hotel occupancy tax be used exclusively for the purposes of encouraging, promoting and/or foster the convention and/or tourism (visitor) development of the City by the following expenditures:

- (1) Four-elevenths of the revenues shall be expended for any projects, items, costs and/or expenses that encourage, promote and/or foster the convention and/or tourism (visitor) development of the City; and
- (2) Six-elevenths of the revenues shall be expended for improvements to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, not including operational costs; and
- (3) One-eleventh of the revenues shall be expended for the sponsorship and/or promotion of events recommended by the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Commission and anticipated to enhance the local economy through increased convention and/or tourism (visitor) activity in the City.

In the first quarter of 2005, construction began on the renovations at the fairgrounds. Since that time approximately \$80 million has been allocated and/or spent on projects. Major projects by year include the following:

2005		
1	North Parking Lot and associated site work	\$3,844,583.35
2	Gordon Cooper Realignment & Underground Electrical	\$3,947,359.29
3	Cox Pavilion Renovation	\$2,237,826.00
2006		
1	Sales Arena/Barn 3/ Arena 6A/ Barn 7	\$6,197,373.68
2	Covered Outdoor Warm-Up Arena	\$1,099,371.49
2007		
1	Barns 1 & 2 (Show offices/Cattle Holding Pens/Paving)	\$14,463,804.00
2	Stall Systems (Barns 1 & 2)	\$1,376,286.58
3	RV Park & Round Pens (6)	\$1,759,570.15
2008		
1	Barns 6 / 7A / 8 / 9	\$10,073,117.08
2	Remaining Stalls& Manure Carts	\$2,214,847.49
3	South Parking Lot/ Storm Sewer/ Trams	\$6,095,698.52

2009		
1	Norick Arena Renovation	\$5,329,056.89
2	Maintenance Facility	\$2,004,837.49
3	Arena Scoreboard/Sound System	\$2,015,153.00
2010		
1	Barns 4/5 Hardscape	\$1,183,567.40
2011		
1	Feed & Bedding	\$1,034,000.00
2	Cox Pavilion/Performance Arena A/C & Ventilation	\$1,500,000.00
2012		
1	Barns 4 & 5	\$8,661,000.00