



BCEC FACILITY OVERVIEW



BCEC FACILITY OVERVIEW

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (the “BCEC”) is owned and operated by the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA).

The BCEC was designed with input from worldwide convention planners, making the 2.1 million square-foot facility the most user-friendly in America. All areas have been planned to provide convenient and safe access.

ADA Compliant Facility

The BCEC strives to meet the needs of all its patrons at all events and is fully ADA compliant. All areas, including restrooms and the Wicked Good Market are accessible. Elevators are located on each level and a limited number of wheelchairs are available at the first aid station at no charge. Special hearing devices can be connected into the MCCA sound system. If you have any attendees with special needs, please let your Event Services Manager know, as soon as possible, so that all necessary accommodations can be made in advance.

The Grand Ballroom

Designed to be the “grandest room” in the Northeast, the Grand Ballroom is 40,020 square feet of open, elegant, column-free space, overlooking Boston’s Harbor and skyline. The richly carpeted space can be divided into two separate ballrooms of 20,010 square feet, each featuring state-of-the-art audio/visual, dimming, and design lighting systems, highlighted by a vaulted hardwood ceiling, peaking at 32 feet. In order to preserve the elegance, exhibits of any kind are not permitted.

Exhibition Hall

The Exhibition Hall level is comprised of 516,000 square feet in one contiguous exhibit space virtually column-free. This space may be arranged as a single entity, or be acoustically subdivided into up to ten different configurations. Each of the halls has its own entrance to allow self-contained movement. Ceiling-heights are 40 feet, nearly 100 percent higher than standard facilities. Glass skybridges span the exhibit floor for maximum, easy point-to-point movement.

The Exhibition Hall floor surface, rated at 400 psft, is made up of polished concrete. Utility floor ports are located on 30 foot x 30 foot centers with telephone, electric, and Internet connections. Water, wastewater

drain, and compressed air are located on 30 foot x 60 foot centers. There are 62 covered bays as well as five (5) rollup elephant doors and our state-of-the-art dock levelers can accommodate vehicles of all sizes.

Wicked Good Market

Our 370-person capacity Wicked Good Market with a full bar service can feed approximately 1,300 people per hour. Situated directly above the exhibit halls and offering a full panoramic view of the excitement and activity on the exhibition floor, the Wicked Good Market offers a variety of food and beverage items featuring the following concepts including Mex, Bowls, Sauce, Heat, Wok and Hub. The Wicked Good Market may be available for customized uses and private events as well. In addition to the Wicked Good Market service portable restaurant services can be made available to accommodate your exhibitor and individual show needs.

Inner Roadway

The BCEC offers one-way circulation for enhanced safety. Six covered drop-off areas are available, one at each registration area. This ring road allows travel around the perimeter of the building and is designed to separate convention traffic from local traffic and separate exhibitor traffic from attendee traffic.

Loading Dock

The loading dock is located on the west side of the building, accessible via the Haul Road. The loading dock features 62 bays and 5 rollup doors for easy access loading and unloading of trucks and POVs. Dock levelers can accommodate vehicles of all sizes and the 45’ clearance provides easy-turn radius for easy off-loading and storage use. Ramps can be utilized for drive-on accessibility.

Meeting Rooms

The BCEC offers 80 carpeted meeting rooms, totaling over 160,000 square feet of meeting space. Ceiling heights are 16’6”–19’0” and also feature state-of-the-art lighting, sound and variable temperature controls in each room for immediate adjustments. Individual rooms can be combined to fit varied meeting room size requirements. Use of space outside of the immediate rooms may be used for registration purposes only and storage of any kind is not permitted in these rooms.

Non-Smoking Facility

The BCEC is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is NOT allowed in the building at any time. Designated smoking areas are located outside the building.

Parking

The BCEC maintains a parking lot on property known as the South Parking Lot. There are also valet parking services available on-site. Please keep in mind that there is no 24-hour parking or overnight parking at the BCEC.

Pre-Function Space

The Pre-Function spaces provide the setting for event registration, information booths, receptions, cocktail parties, and other traditional activities. All Pre-Function, Lobby and Registration areas are centrally located, with direct flow into the exhibit halls and meeting rooms. There are six (6) separate registration areas on two separate levels of the facility. Electric, telephone, and Internet access for registration is readily available at all designated areas. However, exhibits are not permitted in the Pre-Function spaces.

Recycling

The MCCA recognizes the importance of operating an environmentally sound business within the community. Our team has established a systematic recycling program that allows employees, contractors, exhibitors and patrons to recycle the following:

- Cardboard
- Mixed paper
- Commingled materials
- Plastic wrap
- Carpet & Carpet padding
- Pallets
- Low voltage cabling
- Kitchen cooking oils and grease
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- E-Waste
- Food waste

The MCCA also launched CONVENTIONS C.A.R.E., a donation program that encourages event planners to leave unused materials at designated locations during the conclusion of an event. This program not only helped the MCCA divert over 73,000lbs from the waste stream in 2010 but it also serves as a resource for charitable organizations that are in need of unused products.

The MCCA uses only Green cleaning products. All restroom paper products are made of 100% recycled content (25–35% post consumer). Our vacuums have a “Hepa” filter which doesn’t allow dust particles back into the air.