



Case Study: Phoenix Convention Centre
Client: Leo A Daly / HOK Venue



Project

When completed, the \$458 million Phoenix Convention Center expansion will provide a spacious, high-tech and client-friendly facility with approximately 900,000 sq ft of meeting and exhibition space, and more than 2 million sq ft total. Phase 1 of the 3-phase project will provide a new, 4-level building and atrium connecting to Symphony Hall. Symphony Hall has already undergone a renovation.

Our role

Rider Hunt provided concept estimates on the Symphony Hall project and multiple concept estimates for design alternatives to assist the Owner in selecting the best design concept. During the design phase, we prepared independent milestone estimates of the construction cost, assisted the Owner with budget monitoring and reconciled and negotiated the milestone estimates with the project's CM at Risk. Additionally, on Phase 1, Rider Hunt critiqued the CM's construction schedules and provided advice on the valuation of change orders during construction. Rider Hunt's role continues during the construction of Phase 2, which is scheduled for completion in December 2008.

Client benefits

Rider Hunt provided aggressive and proactive, unbiased advice on the cost and scheduling implications of potential design changes. The client was able to get detailed cost estimates for all trade packages so that costs were understood and reconciled with the CM at Risk.



Testimonial

"During the course of the first phase of the Phoenix Convention Center's expansion, Rider Levett Bucknall not only provided very sound cost advice, but excellent assistance in defining strategies for cost management and a keen ability to focus the project team's efforts on the important issues."

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