

## **UVCVB Celebrates the Construction of the Utah Valley Convention Center**

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The Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (UVCVB), the official destination marketing organization for Utah County, held a Topping Ceremony to celebrate the completion of core construction for the Utah Valley Convention Center. The Convention Center houses 52,000 square feet of meeting space and will be completed in spring 2012.

"We are excited to announce the completion of this major phase in the construction process of the Utah Valley Convention Center," said Joel Racker, president and CEO of Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The UVCVB already has groups booked for next year and this event only adds to the community's excitement to welcome this new facility in downtown Provo."

The Topping Ceremony included 150 attendees and was held in a parking lot adjacent from the Convention Center. Speakers included Joel Racker, president and CEO for Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau; John Curtis, Provo City Mayor; Don Nay, Associate Public Works director for Utah County; Bryce Jones, president emeritus for MHTN Architects; Troy Thompson, project director for Okland Construction; Danny Wheeler, general manager for Global Spectrum; and Gary J. Anderson, commission chairman for Utah County Commission.

Gary J. Anderson, Commission Chairman for Utah County, said, "The Utah Valley Convention Center is one of many exciting additions to Provo's rising skyline. It will bring millions of dollars in sales tax and local economic development to the city, county and entire Valley."

Attendees were invited to sign a steel beam that was placed in the Convention Center structure during the event. Topping Ceremony sponsors included the Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, Utah County Commission, Global Spectrum, MHTN Architects, Populous and Okland Construction.

"We are extremely pleased that the Utah Valley Convention Center construction is on time and within budget," said Troy Thompson. "It's a great accomplishment for our team and we will continue working hard to maintain the quality through the remainder of the project."

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