



Pinnacle Bank Arena

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December 12, 2012 (Lincoln, NE) Officials from the City, State and University of Nebraska-Lincoln participated in the topping out ceremony for the SMG managed Pinnacle Bank Arena in downtown Lincoln as the final beam in the facility was lifted to the roof.

Speakers were Mayor Chris Beutler, members of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA); Governor Dave Heineman; City Council and JPA member Gene Carroll; NU Regent and JPA member Tim Clare; Bob Caldwell, President of Hampton Construction, which is partnering with Mortenson Construction to build the arena; Wendy Birdsall, Chamber of Commerce President; UNL Athletic Director Tom Osborne; and John Hinshaw, Senior Project Manager for Mortenson Construction. Also attending were representatives from Pinnacle Bank and the Dinsdale family; Shawn Eichorst, who will become UNL Athletic Director in January; Husker women's basketball coach Connie Yori; and Husker men's basketball coach Tim Miles.

The topping out ceremony is a tradition in the construction industry. The beam carries an evergreen tree and flag as its raised into place. "The tree symbolizes growth and brings good luck, and our beautiful American flag symbolizes a nation of people committed to hard work and freedom," Mayor Beutler said. "This redevelopment is about jobs and, even more importantly, it is about people. Today, we honor the people on the ground who truly are doing the heavy lifting. The arena workers have put so much pride and sweat equity into this project. We cannot thank them enough for the amazing job they are doing."

Those attending had the opportunity to sign the beam, which was signed by hundreds of citizens last week during a Husker basketball game and the First Friday Art Walk in the Haymarket.

The Pinnacle Bank Arena is scheduled to open in September 2013. For more on the Pinnacle Bank Arena visit PinnacleBankArena.com.

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