

## Seattle Convention Center Unveils Major Addition Featuring Smart City Networks Technology

Smart City Networks partners with the Seattle Convention Center on latest building expansion and network upgrade.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA, February 7, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Smart</u> <u>City Networks</u>, the nation's leading provider of technology services for the convention industry, joined representatives from the Seattle Convention Center (SCC) at the end of January to celebrate the official ribbon cutting for the Center's new \$2 billion addition in downtown Seattle.

The new state-of-the-art Summit facility adds almost <u>600,000 square</u> <u>feet of event space</u> to SCC, which



includes ballrooms, meeting rooms, and a garden terrace, among other additions. Contractors first broke ground four years ago, and in that time, Smart City has been managing the installation and deployment of a new high density wireless network.

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SCN is excited to continue our partnership with SCC as we embark on this gamechanging journey with Summit." "2023 is a special one for us, full of rapid changes and growth. Smart City, a long-time service partner at the Center, is a meaningful part of that growth," said Seattle Convention Center President & CEO Jeff Blosser. "After years of outfitting Arch with the technology to support a diverse range of SCC events, <u>Smart City and SCC</u> continue to work together in the newly open Summit building to provide world-class event capabilities."

Jim Snook

For Summit, the network upgrade includes close to 650 new Wi-Fi 6 capable Access Points (APs),

bringing SCC's total AP count to over 1200. Wi-Fi 6 is the next generation of high-density wireless capabilities, and after previous successful Wi-Fi 6 installments in Tampa and Charlotte, Smart City is thrilled to bring this technology to Seattle. Faster speeds, stronger network complexity, and enhanced security features are all benefits of the upgrade, which Smart City and SCC believe will continue to attract large-scale technological events to the city.

"Since 1998, Smart City has provided SCC with the latest in technology that delivers a reliable, secure and high-speed experience," said Smart City Networks Regional Director Jim Snook. "SCN is excited to continue our partnership with SCC as we embark on this game-changing journey with Summit."

SCC's new Summit building represents more than just new event space. As part of the land purchase and permitting agreement, SCC provided an investment package for the community totaling over \$93 million. This comprised of funding for a wide assortment of community projects including affordable housing, improvements to Pike and Pine Streets, parks and open spaces, and bicycle infrastructure. Overall, the addition represents a commitment to the future of the downtown Seattle community.

About Smart City Networks: Founded almost 40 years ago, Smart City Networks is the nation's largest provider of event telecommunications and technology in the convention industry. Smart City can provide wired and wireless Internet services and phone services at convention centers and meeting facilities of any size, and currently serves more than 50 convention and meeting facilities across the U.S., totaling over 20 million square feet of exhibit space. For more information about Smart City Networks, call 702-943-6000 or visit <u>www.smartcitynetworks.com</u>.

About the Seattle Convention Center: Seattle Convention Center, located in the heart of downtown and walking distance to world class hotels restaurants, entertainment and attractions, has been the Northwest's premier meetings and events facility since 1988. As a Public Facilities District, its longstanding mission for operations consists of creating jobs and business activity to boost the local, regional, and state economy, and generating civic benefits for the people of the region. For more information, visit <u>www.seattleconventioncenter.com</u>.

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