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INTRUST Bank Arena

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INTRUST Bank Arena Project Historical Timeline

October 2009

1977	Kansas Coliseum built
1993	Vote on Downtown Arena (lost - 68% to 32%)
1996-1998	ADA issues and lawsuit at Kansas Coliseum
1998	KPMG Market Study
1998	Group formed to study feasibility of Downtown Arena
2000	USD 259 School Bond Election — arena project put on hold to allow education election in community
2002	Horror Sports Ventures <ul style="list-style-type: none">- “Dynaplex” proposed — later withdrawn due to local economy- Kansas Coliseum renovation plan adopted by Sedgwick County — construction to begin Jan. 2005
2004	Kansas Coliseum renovation design work underway
June 2004	City of Wichita and business community present plan for Downtown Arena (*funded primarily through property taxes)
July 2004	Sedgwick County approved new plan for Downtown Arena (*funded primarily through short-term sales tax increase) <ul style="list-style-type: none">* City council endorses county’s downtown arena plan* Business leaders approve of county’s plan
August 2004	Community Engagement process <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Nine open house meetings* One traditional public hearing
September 2004	Sedgwick County Commissioners use input from community engagement process to finalize plan Ballot question approved with input from Secretary of State, Election Commissioner
September 2004	Business leaders and community visionaries started advocacy campaign
Sept. to Nov. 2004	Business leaders and grassroots supporters work for voter turnout by knocking on doors, walking precincts, attending public events, speaking to groups and advertising.
November 2004	Arena issue passes 52 to 48% of a 78% voter turnout
February 16, 2005	Senate passes SB 58
March 22, 2005	House passes SB 58
April 4, 2005	Governor’s Bill Signing for SB 58