

# Sports Facility Reports



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## Other Basketball Leagues

### **American Basketball Association (ABA)**

**Team:** Atlanta Vision

**Principal Owner:** Quentin and Akilah Townsend, Carter Patterson, and Brian Richey  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Exhibit Hall of the Gwinnett Center

**Team:** Bahama All Pro Show

**Principal Owner:** Ricardo Smith

**Arena:** Loyola Hall

**Team:** Charlotte Crossovers

**Principal Owner:** Michele Pierre

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** The Point

**Team:** Chicago Steam

**Principal Owner:** Ron Hicks

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** South Suburban College

**Team:** College Park Spydery

**Principal Owner:** Duane Spyder Hughes

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**UPDATE:** Team will make its debut in the 2009-2010 season.

**Team:** Columbus Life Tigers

**Principal Owner:** Quentin Miles, Jr.

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Carver High School

**Team:** Compton Cobras

**Principal Owner:** Tyrone Rodgers  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Compton Community College

**Team:** Cypress Pegasus

**Principal Owner:** Lashaun McDaniels

**Arena:** TBA

**UPDATE:** The team moved from Honolulu to Cypress, Texas after the 2009-2010 season.

**Team:** Dallas Impact

**Principal Owner:** Don Carter and Brady Cooper  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Detroit Hoops

**Principal Owner:** Gerald Watson II  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Detroit Edison Public School Academy

**Team:** East Kentucky Energy

**Principal Owner:** Tom Hamilton and Jerry Boggs  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Eastern Kentucky Expo Center

**Team:** Everett Longshoremen

**Principal Owner:** Regina Joseph

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Fayetteville Flight

**Principal Owner:** Mike Dixon

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Florida Makos

**Principal Owner:** Patrick Grayson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** The team is working on an agreement to play its home games at Santa Fe College.

**Team:** Florida Thundercats

**Principal Owner:** Kevin Simmons

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center

**Team: Georgia Knights**

**Principal Owner:** Will Campbell

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** The team is negotiating to play at either Stockbridge High School or Patrick Henry High School.

**Team: Gulf Coast Flash**

**Principal Owner:** Jeremi Washington

**Arena:** TBA

**Team: Heartland Prowl**

**Principal Owner:** Levi Williams

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team: Houston Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Larry Donnell Leonard II

**Arena:** TBA

**Team: Indiana Diesels**

**Principal Owner:** Rex Volls  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Ceraland Park

**Team:** Indianapolis Drive

**Principal Owner:** Tim Hicks

**Arena:** TBA

**UPDATE :** The Drive will play their inaugural season in 2010-11. The team plans to sign players from local Indiana colleges once they are done with their college careers. The team has not announced where it will play its home games.

**Team:** Jacksonville Bluewaves

**Principal Owner:** Kevin Waters  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Edward Waters College

**Team:** Jersey Express

**Principal Owner:** Marsha Blount and Jacqueline Halyard  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Drew University

**Team:** Kentucky Bisons

**Principal Owner:** Jay Sills  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Owensboro Sportscenter

**Team:** Lake Michigan Admirals

**Principal Owner:** Chris Glisson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Lake Michigan Catholic High School and Benton Harbor High School

**Team:** Las Vegas Aces

**Principal Owner:** Todd Triplett

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Sport Center of Las Vegas

**UPDATE :** The Las Vegas Aces will have a new home for the 2010-2011 season. They will play all of their home games at the Sport Center of Las Vegas.

**Team:** Los Angeles Slam

**Principal Owner:** Donald Sanchez

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Maywood Activity Center

**Team:** Louisiana United

**Principal Owner:** Kevin Williams

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Maryland Marvels

**Principal Owner:** James Agbai

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Severn School Gymnasium

**Team:** Mid Valley Titans

**Principal Owner:** Joshua England, Dennis Johnson

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Mobile Bay Hurricanes

**Principal Owner:** Roland Turner, Mike Wilson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Davidson High School

**Team:** Modesto Hawks

**Principal Owner:** Rick Coelho

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** New York Red Riders



**Principal Owner:** Chemung County YMCA

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Chemung County YMCA

**Team:** New York City Thunder

**Principal Owner:** M. Logan

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** James Monroe Campus High School

**Team:** North Dallas Vandals

**Principal Owner:** Casey Topletz

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** North Texas Fresh

**Principal Owner:** Frederick Bowdy

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Central High School, Keller TX

**Team:** Oklahoma Stallions

**Principal Owner:** Kelli King  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Pittsburgh Phantoms

**Principal Owner:** Bill Miller  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Carnegie Library of Homestead

**Team:** Riverside Rainmakers

**Principal Owner:** TBA

**Arena:** Martin Luther King High School

**Team:** Sacramento Heatwave

**Principal Owner:** Reggie Davis

**Arena:** Folsom High School

**Team:** San Diego Surf

**Principal Owner:** Ross Kurland  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Cathedral Catholic High School

**Team: San Francisco Rumble**

**Principal Owner:** Damone Hale

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Kezar Pavilion and Joseph Lee Gymnasium

**Team: Savannah Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Anthony Bryan

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team: Seaside Sea-Kings**

**Principal Owner:** Wash Stallworth, Jr.

**Arena:** Hartnell College

**Team: Seattle Mountaineers**

**Principal Owner:** Don Sims

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Green River Community College

**Team: Seattle Zhen Gan**

**Principal Owner:** Regina Joseph

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Seven City Knights

**Principal Owner:** Lawrence J. Taylor

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Showtime Basketball

**Principal Owner:** Earl Williams

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Clayton Community Gym

**Team:** South Jersey Knights

**Principal Owner:** TBA

**Arena:** TBA

**UPDATE:** The Knights will make their debut in the 2010-2011 season.

**Team:** South Valley Fever

**Principal Owner:** Marco Vazquez  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team: Southeast Texas Mavericks**

**Principal Owner:** Jerry Nelson, Jr., and Jason Apodaca

**Arena:** Ford Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** This team was formerly known as the Rio Grande Valley Silverados and the Southeast Texas Mustangs. The team is now based in Beaumont, TX.

**Team: St. Louis Pioneers**

**Principal Owner:** James Graham  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**UPDATE:** The St. Louis Pioneers will begin their inaugural season in 2010-2011.

**Team: Texas Fuel**

**Principal Owner:** Aurora Deiri and Rebecca M. Garza  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Alamo Convocation Center

**Team: Tri-City Suns**

**Principal Owner:** Monique Mathis and Charles Thompson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Progressive Christian Academy

**Team:** Vancouver Explorers

**Principal Owner:** Regina Joseph

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** TBA

**Team:** Washington Raptors

**Principal Owner:** Regina Joseph

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Pierce College

**Team:** West Texas Whirlwinds

**Principal Owner:** Cleveland Phelps

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Odessa College

**Team:** West Virginia Blazers

**Principal Owner:** Bluefield Housing Authority

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center

**UPDATE:** The Raleigh Housing Authority created the team as part of a program to help young people in the area improve their lives.

## National Basketball Developmental League (NBDL)

### Team: Austin Toros

**Affiliate:** San Antonio Spurs

**Principal Owner:** David Kahn; Southwest Basketball, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Austin Convention Center

**Date Built:** 1992

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Austin Toros' games were televised for the first time during the 2010 season after cable provider Grande Communications' LoneStar Sports Network agreed to carry the games.

### Team: Bakersfield Jam

**Affiliate:** Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers

**Principal Owner:** Bakersfield Professional Sports, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Jam Events Center

**Date Built:** 2009

**UPDATE:** With the opening of the new Jam Events Center, the team was able to break even during the 2009-2010 season after sustaining heavy losses during the three previous seasons.

### Team: Dakota Wizards

**Affiliate:** Memphis Grizzlies, Washington Wizards

**Principal Owner:** Steve McCormick and Bill Sorensen

[Team Website](#)



**Arena:** Bismarck Civic Center  
[Facility Website](#)

**Team:** Erie BayHawks

**Affiliate:** Cleveland Cavaliers, Toronto Raptors  
**Principal Owner:** Steve Demetriou  
[Team Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Erie Bayhawks signed an agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in 2010. As part of the agreement, the Bayhawks will display LECOM's logo on the front of their uniforms. The Rio Grande Valley Vipers are the only other ABA team with a sponsorship logo on the front of their uniforms.

**Arena:** Louis J. Tullio Arena  
**Date Built:** 1983  
**Facility Costs (millions):** \$9.3  
[Facility Website](#)

**Team:** Fort Wayne Mad Ants

**Affiliate:** Detroit Pistons, Indiana Pacers, Milwaukee Bucks  
**Principal Owner:** John D. Zeglis  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Allen County War Memorial Coliseum  
**Date Built:** 1952  
**Facility Costs (millions):** \$2.6, it was renovated for \$26 in 1989 and again for \$35 in 2002  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Cable channel Versus will nationally televise 16 NBDL games during the 2010-2011 season. The Fort Wayne Mad Ants are the first NBDL team to have a home game nationally televised.

**Team:** Idaho Stampede

**Affiliate:** Denver Nuggets, Portland Trailblazers  
**Principal Owner:** Bill Ilett  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Qwest Arena  
**Date Built:** 1997  
**Facility Costs (millions):** \$50  
[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** At the end of 2004, Bank of America chose not to renew its \$1 million 10-year naming rights deal. Qwest Communications signed a naming rights deal with Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22 in October 2005 for \$4 million over 15 years.

**Team:** Iowa Energy

**Affiliate:** Chicago Bulls, Phoenix Suns  
**Principal Owner:** Iowa Basketball, LLC  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Wells Fargo Arena  
**Date Built:** 2005  
**Facility Costs (millions):** \$99  
[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Wells Fargo Financial Services is the title sponsor for the arena.

**Team:** Los Angeles D-Fenders

**Affiliate:** Los Angeles Lakers  
**Principal Owner:** Los Angeles Lakers  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Staples Center  
**Date Built:** 1999  
**Facility Cost (millions):** \$375  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 19%  
**Facility Financing:** Bank of America underwrote a \$305 million loan to finance construction. The city provided \$38.5 million in bonds and \$20 million in Los Angeles Convention Center reserves. This money will eventually be repaid through arena revenues. An additional \$12

million in tax incremental financing was also provided by the city's Community Redevelopment Agency.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The D-Fenders will not be in operation for the 2010-2011 NBDL season, but plan to return for the 2011-2012 NBDL season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Staples, an office supply company, owns perpetual naming rights to the Staples Center.

### **Team: Maine Red Claws**

**Affiliate:** Boston Celtics, Charlotte Bobcats

**Principal Owner:** Maine Basketball, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Portland Exposition Building

**Date Built:** 1914

**Facility Costs:** \$80,944

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Red Claws President Jon Jennings was presented with the NBDL's Executive of the Year Award in the first year of the franchise's existence.

### **Team: New Mexico Thunderbirds**

**Affiliate:** Dallas Mavericks, New Orleans Hornets

**Principal Owner:** Sam & Jackie Bregman

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Santa Ana Star Center

**Date Built:** 2006

**Facility Cost:** \$47 million

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Thunderbirds changed their home arena from the Tingley Coliseum to the Santa Ana Star Center in 2010 and changed their team designation from Albuquerque to New Mexico.

**Team: Reno Bighorns**

**Affiliate:** Sacramento Kings, Golden State Warriors

**Principal Owner:** SK Baseball, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Reno Events Center

**Date Built:** 2005

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Maloof brothers - who own the Sacramento Kings NBA franchise - have expressed their desire to purchase the Reno Bighorns. The brothers cite the advantages of owning both an NBA and developmental team as their reasoning.

**Team: Rio Grande Valley Vipers**

**Affiliate:** Houston Rockets

**Principal Owner:** RGV Basketball, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** State Farm Arena

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Costs (millions):** \$23

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Vipers secured a direct-affiliation partnership with the Houston Rockets. As part of this partnership, the Rockets will run the Vipers' basketball operations, while the Vipers' owners will run the day-to-day business operations. The amount paid by the Rockets to secure this partnership was not disclosed.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** State Farm purchased the naming rights to the former Dodge Arena in 2010. Details of the agreement were not disclosed.

**Team: Sioux Falls Skyforce**

**Affiliate:** Miami Heat, Minnesota Timberwolves  
**Principal Owner:** D. Greg Heineman  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Sioux Falls Arena  
**Date Built:** 1961  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Sioux Falls Arena will host the Summit League Men's Basketball Tournaments in 2011 and 2012.

**Team: Springfield Armor**

**Affiliate:** New Jersey Nets, New York Knicks, Philadelphia 76ers  
**Principal Owner:** HWS Basketball, LLC  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** MassMutual Center  
**Date Built:** 1972  
[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2005, MassMutual Financial Group signed a naming rights deal for the Springfield Civic Center.

**Team: Texas Legends**

**Affiliate:** Dallas Mavericks  
**Principal Owner:** Texas D-League Management, LLC  
[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Dr. Pepper Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The team was inactive for the 2009-2010 as it prepared for its relocation to Frisco, Texas, from Arkansas for the 2010-2011 season. Don Nelson became the new majority owner of the team.

**Team: Tulsa 66ers**

**Affiliate:** Oklahoma City Thunder

**Principal Owner:** Oklahoma City Thunder

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Tulsa Convention Center

**Date Built:** 1964

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$3.5

**Facility Financing:** Paid for with a bond issue.

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Utah Flash**

**Affiliate:** Utah Jazz, Atlanta Hawks

**Principal Owner:** Brandt Anderson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** McKay Events Center

**Date Built:** 1996

[Facility Website](#)

## **Premier Basketball League (PBL)**

**Team: Buffalo Stampede**

**Principal Owner:** Vincent J. Lesh, Jr.

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Koessler Athletic Center at Canisius College

**Team: Halifax Rainmen**

**Principal Owner:** Andre Levingston

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Halifax Metro Centre

**Date Built:** 1978

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry**

**Principal Owner:** Hosein Moeni, John Zelbst, Mike Brown and Phil Kennedy

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Great Plains Coliseum

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Maryland GreenHawks**

**Principal Owner:** Tom Doyle

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Wootton High School

**UPDATE:** In October of 2009 the team changed its name from the Nighthawks to the GreenHawks and relocated to a different arena.

**Team: Puerto Rico Capitanes**

**Principal Owner:** Luis Monrouzeau

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Coliseo "Manuel" Petaca Iguina

**UPDATE:** The Capitanes joined the PBL in 2010.

**Team: Quebec Kebs**

**Principal Owner:** Club de basketball professionnel de Quebec Inc.

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** PEPS Athletic Complex at Université Laval

**Team: Rochester RazorSharks**

**Principal Owner:** Dr. Sev Hrywnak

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Blue Cross Arena

**Date Built:** 1951-1955

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$7.5 (construction), \$41 (renovation)

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: St. John Millrats**



**Principal Owner:** Jason Briggs, Steve Yankopolous, David Cooper

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Harbour Station

**Date Built:** 1993

**UPDATE:** The team was known as the Manchester Millrats until 2010 when the team changed its designation.

**Team:** Vermont Frost Heaves

**Principal Owner:** Alexander Wolff

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Barre Auditorium and Burlington Memorial Auditorium

**Date Built:** 1939 (BA), 1927 (BMA)

## Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA)

### Team: Atlanta Dream

**Principal Owner:** Kathy Betty

**Year Established:** 2007

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Philips Arena

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$213.5

**Facility Financing:** \$130.75 million in revenue bonds to be paid from arena revenues; \$20 million from Turner Broadcasting; and \$62.5 million from 3% car rental tax.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Dream will have 16 of their 17 games nationally televised in 2010. Fox Sports South and SportSouth will share the broadcasting duties.

In December of 2009, local businesswoman Kathy Betty purchased the team. With financial troubles in the past few years, there had been rumors of folding the team or moving them out of Atlanta. These rumors seem to be quieted by the recent purchase of the team by Betty.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Philips Electronics is paying \$180 million over 20 years for the naming rights that expire in 2019.

### Team: Chicago Sky

**Principal Owner:** Michael Alter

**Year Established:** 2005

**Most Recent Purchase Price (\$/Mil):** \$10

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Allstate Arena

**Date Built:** 1980

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$19

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** At the mid-way point of the 2010 WNBA season the Sky were last in the league in average attendance. A normal Sky game was drawing just over 3,000 fans.

**Team: Connecticut Sun**

**Principal Owner:** Mohegan Indian Tribe

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Mohegan Sun Arena

**Date Built:** 2001

[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Indiana Fever**

**Principal Owner:** Melvin and Herbert Simon

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Conseco Fieldhouse

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$183

**Facility Financing:** Financing for the facility is a public/private partnership. Public contributions totaled \$79 million, which included \$50 million from a professional sports developmental tax district around the new facility, \$4.7 million in infrastructure, \$9.3 million from Capital Improvement Board cash reserves and \$7 million from the Circle Centre Mall revenues. The Pacers contributed \$57 million and other private sources paid for the rest.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Conseco, an insurance and financial services company, is paying \$40 million over 20 years for the naming rights, which expire in 2019.

**Team: Los Angeles Sparks**

**Affiliate:** Los Angeles Lakers

**Principal Owner:** Carla Christofferson and Kathy Goodman

[Team Website](#)

**Most Recent Purchase Price:** \$10 million (2007)

**Arena:** Staples Center

**Date Built:** 1999

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$375

**Facility Financing:** Bank of America underwrote a \$305 million loan to finance construction. The city provided \$38.5 million in bonds and \$20 million in Los Angeles Convention Center reserves. This money will eventually be repaid through arena revenues. An additional \$12 million in tax incremental financing was also provided by the city's Community Redevelopment Agency.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2009, the Sparks announced a multi-year partnership with Farmers Insurance Group. The partnership includes player jersey rights, on-court apparel, in-arena signage, media, and related community activities. Financial details were not disclosed.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Staples, an office supply company, owns perpetual naming rights to the Staples Center.

**Team:** Minnesota Lynx

**Affiliate:** Minnesota Timberwolves

**Principal Owner:** Glen Taylor

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Target Center

**Date Built:** 1990

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$104

**Facility Financing:** Financed through a tax exempt bond issue.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The current naming rights deal with Target expires in 2011.

**Team:** New York Liberty

**Affiliate:** New York Knicks

**Principal Owner:** Cablevision

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Madison Square Garden

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$43

**Facility Financing:** \$200 million in renovations completed in 1991.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2010, the Liberty announced a deal with Foxwoods Resort Casino. The team will carry the Foxwoods logo on the front of their uniforms. This is a direct effort by Foxwoods to compete with Mohegan Sun Casinos, which owns the Connecticut Sun.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Madison Square Garden's history is probably the most significant reason the owners have stated that they will never sell the naming rights to the arena. The history began when Madison Square Garden I opened in 1879. The current Madison Square Garden, Madison Square Garden IV, opened in 1968.

**Team: Phoenix Mercury**

**Affiliate:** Phoenix Suns

**Principal Owner:** Robert Sarver

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** US Airways Center

**Date Built:** 1992

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$90

**Facility Financing:** The City of Phoenix contributed \$35 million with \$28 million going to construct the arena and \$7 million for the land. The Phoenix Suns contributed \$55 million. The city has a 30-year commitment from the Suns to repay a portion of the contribution at \$500,000 per year, with an annual 3% increase. The city will also receive 40% of revenue from luxury boxes and advertising.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** On June 1, 2009, the Mercury announced a branded-jersey partnership with LifeLock. As part of a wider deal with the WNBA, LifeLock will be offering free one-year memberships to all WNBA season ticket holders. The jersey deal will run through 2011.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** US Airways is paying \$26 million over 30 years for the naming rights that expire in 2019. In January 2006, the name of the arena was changed from America West Arena to the US Airways Center after America West and US Airways merged in 2005.

**Team: San Antonio Silver Stars**

**Affiliate:** San Antonio Spurs

**Principal Owner:** Peter Holt

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** AT&T Center

**Date Built:** 2002

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$175

**Facility Financing:** \$146.5 million was generated through a county tax increase and an increase in hotel and rental car taxes. SS&E contributed \$28.5 million themselves, which they raised through a \$1.00 increase in ticket fees for NBA games and a \$1.00 parking surcharge.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** AT&T is paying \$41 million for 20 years for naming rights that expire in 2022.

**Team: Seattle Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Force 10 Hoops, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Key Arena

**Date Built:** 1962 (renovated in 1995)

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$94

**Facility Financing:** The arena cost the city \$75 million and the Supersonics \$19 million.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In February of 2010, the Seattle City Council approved a 10-year lease between the team and Key Arena. This lease calls for rent of \$5,000/game instead of the \$15,000/game called for under the previous lease. The Storm have moved their headquarters from the Furtado Center to the Interbay neighborhood of Seattle. The team is looking for a new practice facility.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Key Bank was originally paying \$15.1 million over 15 years for naming rights that expire at the end of 2010. After the resident NBA team was relocated, Key Bank and the city renegotiated the last two years of the deal. The bank will now pay \$300,000 in 2009 and \$315,000 in 2010.

**Team: Tulsa Shock**

**Principal Owner:** Tulsa Pro Hoops, LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** BOK Center

**Date Built:** 2005-2008

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$196

**Facility Financing:** \$178 million in public funds, \$18 million from private parties

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Shock franchise relocated from Detroit to Tulsa after the 2009 season. The franchise kept the Shock nickname but changed both the logo and team colors. Despite playing in the second smallest WNBA market, the Shock easily sold out their first home game of the 2010 season in Tulsa. The sellout is somewhat of a misnomer because only the lower bowl seating is available in the BOK Center for WNBA games, making the capacity approximately 7,500 fans.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Bank of Oklahoma purchased the naming rights for the new arena. The bank will pay \$11 million over 20 years.

**Team: Washington Mystics**

**Affiliate:** Washington Wizards

**Principal Owner:** Monumental Sports & Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

**Most Recent Purchase Price:** \$10 M

**Arena:** Verizon Center

**Date Built:** 1997

**Facility Cost (millions):** \$260

**Facility Financing:** Private loans financed the building. The District of Columbia provided \$60 million in infrastructure costs.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Mystics had the league's top attendance during the 2009 WNBA season. The team averaged more than 11,000 fans per home game and saw a whopping 29.5% increase in ticket sales.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Verizon is paying \$44 million over 15 years for the naming rights that expire in 2017. The name of the arena changed from the MCI Center to the Verizon Center in March 2006. The change was the result of Verizon's merger with MCI.

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