

Work on Events Center Continues at SWOSU

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Proposed West Concourse of the Events Center at SWOSU

Anyone driving on Weatherford's Seventh Street near Southwestern Oklahoma State University will notice that construction work has started on the new events center.

Weatherford voters approved in April 2010 a penny sales tax extension to finance various projects as part of the "Yes Weatherford" campaign, and one of the projects receiving support was the new 90,000 plus square foot events center, which is being built just south of Milam Stadium on the SWOSU campus.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler said several bids have been received on various construction stages of the center. The bids are currently being evaluated.

"SWOSU is appreciative to the City of Weatherford citizens for their partnership in this exciting endeavor," Beutler said. "It has great opportunity for the city, region and university."

A design team that was comprised of university, city and community representatives has worked several months on the project. As promised in the "Yes Weatherford" campaign, the facility will have multiple uses such as conferences, trade shows, concerts/entertainment, athletic events, tournaments and more. The center will also serve as the new home for the SWOSU men's and women's basketball teams and women's volleyball squad.

"We want this center to bring many people to our city," Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown said. "It's exciting to work with SWOSU in this cooperative effort to make this project a reality."

Expected completion date of the center is late 2012/early 2013.