

Alerus CENTER

Providing premier entertainment and events that stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Grand Forks and surrounding communities.



The Alerus Center Journey

1984	1992	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Vote to increase sales tax to fund expansion of downtown Civic Center fails at the polls.	Vote to build new events center on south end of town fails at the polls by a margin of 2-1.	Special election shows 60% of voters approve raising the sales tax to fund new events center.	Voters narrowly approve spending additional \$17 million on events center after the plan comes in over budget.	City devastated by catastrophic flood forcing stop in construction until city could rebuild.	Project redesigned to raise arena floor (result of flood) and construction proceeds.	City hires Compass Facility Management to manage the facility.	Alerus Financial buys naming rights and officially names the new events center the Alerus Center.	February 10, 2001 Grand Opening draws over 25,000 people to celebrate and view the finished project.

THE ARENA

Since opening its doors in February 2001, the Alerus Center's contributions to the community's economic growth and to its cultural, educational, entertainment and business atmospheres has been immeasurable. Not only has the Alerus Center played host to some of the biggest names in entertainment, it has also opened its doors to community events such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Marketplace for Kids, and the Grand Forks County Fair.

The Alerus Center is proud to be the home of the University of North Dakota football team. Throughout football season, the Alerus Center becomes home for thousands of fans who flock to booster luncheons and kick off game day by tailgating with friends, family and fellow fans. Each year, as the football frenzy grows, the Alerus Center provides a place for players, coaches and fans to celebrate wins, mourn losses and grow together as a community.



The Alerus Center Arena was designed to serve as a multi-purpose, versatile facility capable of quick conversions while maintaining the integrity of the "entertainment experience".

- 99,600 sq. ft. arena floor
- Seating capacity for up to 22,000
- Floor-to-ceiling curtaining system for intimate settings
- State-of-the-art acoustical design for max sound quality
- Superior Bose sound system
- Daktronics videoboards with full production capabilities
- Private offices
- Meeting rooms and star dressing rooms
- Telephone and high speed internet equipped production rooms
- Oversized load-in doors to accommodate easy entrance and exit for large production shows and trade shows.

CONVENTION CENTER

The Alerus Convention Center is built for functionality and ambiance. Boasting 12 individual meeting rooms as well as an extravagant 25,805 sq. ft. ballroom, the Alerus Convention Center can accommodate meetings, weddings, banquets, conventions, trade shows, smaller concerts and just about any other type of event for groups under 2,000. Each room can be set to specification and can be independently set for sound production, projection presentations, internet access and phone service.

The Alerus Center retains a professional, fully-trained catering staff that makes dining at the Alerus Center both convenient and enjoyable. Our experienced chef continues to raise the standards in culinary excellence and, whether you desire an elaborate creation or require a more traditional meal, you and your guests will be delighted.



Adding to the Alerus Center's unique and versatile architecture is the pre-function area conveniently located adjacent to the meeting rooms and ballroom. The pre-function area allows ample room for registration tables, pre-event activities or just a relaxing break area.

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