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ACRISURE ARENA

THOUSAND PALMS, CA



Acrisure Arena is a multi-purpose indoor arena in unincorporated Thousand Palms, California in Riverside County. It is the home arena for the American Hockey League's Coachella Valley Firebirds, and is a primary venue for events in the Greater Palm Springs area. The new Acrisure Arena provides the greater Palm Springs area of Southern California with a premiere 11,000 plus capacity venue hosting the biggest artists and acts on the planet. Designed specifically for hockey and acoustically designed for concerts, Acrisure Arena provides top-tier hospitality, artist amenities, and all of the benefits of a modern music and sports venue to the Coachella Valley.

INSTALLATION COMPLEXITY

The arena features 20 executive suites and multiple private premium club spaces, resulting in exceptionally high construction and finish standards. Interior work was completed by the presence of multiple general contractors hired directly by the owner to complete tenant improvement buildouts for restaurants and concessions.



Close coordination and effective collaboration with these contractors were essential to avoid conflicts, ensure proper information flow, and deliver a high-quality project on schedule.

The project presented several significant challenges, such as extreme heat conditions in the Coachella Valley, where temperatures exceeded 120°F. Additional complexity arose from the requirement to maintain controlled temperatures for two indoor ice rinks throughout construction.

On the exterior, construction was expedited to meet the start of the hockey season, requiring substantial overtime work in extreme heat conditions. At the main entrance, a large tube steel trellis structure was installed. Integrating this trellis within the exterior wall systems proved to be a complex and highly detailed undertaking.

For the EIFS system, 2.5-inch foam insulation was utilized to achieve a high R-value, improving thermal resistance, stabilizing interior temperatures, reducing HVAC demand, and maintaining optimal ice conditions. A comprehensive weather and air barrier system was also incorporated behind the EIFS to enhance overall building performance.

PROJECT AFFILIATES

Owner: Oak View Group

Architect: Populous

General Contractor: AECOM Hunt

Drywall/Finishing Contractor: Raymond Group

Structural Engineer: Walter P Moore