



SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER

Near Nature. Near Perfect. Points.

Announce

Create an environmental impact statement for your conference and be listed on the Green Meetings Page.

Commun-E-cate

All invitations and announcements to attend the conference/meeting sent electronically.

Go Paperless

Speaker handouts are sent electronically and not printed to give to attendees at the meeting.

No Paper or Plastic Here!

Use china and linen napkins for all meal functions and break services.

Consume Green

Select items from our Green Menu for 75% of your meal functions. Centerplate's Green Menu utilizes seasonal items and products from our local area.

Adjust

Drop two degrees if heating or add two degrees if cooling to the room temperature of all of your meeting spaces.

Conserve

Utilize water coolers instead of individually bottled water throughout the conference. No pre-pouring of water glasses at meal functions or on head tables.

Bulk up

Utilize bulk options for break services and condiments for 85% of your break services.

e-XIT

Conduct exit surveys of attendees electronically and share results with the Spokane Convention Center.

GREEN MEETING INCENTIVES GO GREEN AND IT WILL SAVE YOU SOME GREEN

The Spokane Convention Center is committed to being a socially responsible community partner and we work hard to do our part to help preserve our environment. Our facility was built on the site of the 1974 World's Fair – the first environmentally themed World's Fair and it is only fitting that when the Spokane Public Facilities District decided to expand, the Board elected to build a green building on the World's Fair site. As of 2010 the Spokane Convention Center Campus, which includes the Spokane Convention Center, Exhibit Halls and the INB Performing Arts Center, achieved LEED Silver certification, awarded by the US Green Building Council. Our pro-environment efforts span across our campus and we strive to be green through our sustainable practices. And if you haven't heard....Spokane is Near Nature. Near Perfect.

Pay it Forward

Earn seven *Near Nature. Near Perfect.* points by helping to reduce the footprint left by your conference and we'll reduce your costs.

Reduce

Hold meeting at 75% light levels to conserve energy. Turn lights off when breakout rooms are not in use.

Reuse

Convention logo items given to attendees are made of recycled products and/or signage for the conference is year generic and reused.

Recycle

Concerted effort by all attendees to recycle paper, plastic and aluminum cans front of the house. Join in the effort that our team does back of the house. You can add additional recycling stations throughout your conference areas and encourage your attendees to pitch in through public announcements throughout your conference.

Go Digital

Omit a printed version of the conference schedule. Utilize our LCD Screens to display your conference agenda. Supplement the LCD Screens with additional electronic versions located in key lobby locations.

Contact the Sales Team for Further Details

509.279.7007 or sales@spokanepfd.org



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GREEN IN PRACTICE:

■ Green Housekeeping Program:

The Spokane Convention Center utilizes a "green" cleaning policy to reduce exposure to potentially hazardous chemical contaminants that adversely impact air quality or impair building occupants' well-being. Cleaning products that meet Green Seal standard GS-37 and low VOC compounds are used throughout the campus. All products meet EPA standards with high post-consumer recycled content. Disposable cleaning cloths have been replaced with reusable cloths to reduce paper use and waste.

■ Purchasing:

An emphasis has been made on purchasing products and materials that are recyclable, made of recycled content and help reduce waste. When equipment is replaced, Energy Star rated products are purchased and local suppliers are used whenever possible. Products are purchased packaged in bulk with recycled materials cutting down on waste and disposal. Sharing equipment amongst the three District venues (the Spokane Convention Center, the INB Performing Arts Center and the Spokane Arena) eliminates multiple purchases and greater waste.

■ Recycling Program:

The Spokane Convention Center is committed to recycling – both in public and service areas. Recycling containers are located throughout the facility for paper, plastic and aluminum. Cardboard, newspapers, pallets and other back-of-house materials are bundled and recycled. Left over materials from events are collected and then re-used and/or recycled.

■ Encouraging Green Meetings:

All events at the Spokane Convention Center will benefit from the overall green initiatives we practice. Knowledgeable staff is available to consult with meeting planners wanting to conduct their meetings in a green manner. Educational information is available for planners, exhibitors and attendees. Ask a Sales Associate today about how you could earn a discount to conduct a green meeting within our facility.

■ Office Procedures:

Every effort is made to reduce paper consumption by doing business via email or phone. When printing is necessary printing on both sides of the paper is encouraged. Multi-purpose office equipment (all-in-one fax, printer, scanner, copier) has been purchased that will use less energy and space. A paper recycling container is located at each employee's desk and in the work rooms.

Marketing and event planning guides are located on the Spokane Convention Center website and available for download eliminating the cost and paper use of printed materials. The Planner's Packet is also available on CD by request.

On-site LCD monitors scattered throughout the campus are used for event information and directional signage, reducing the need for printed signs.

■ Dining Experience:

Centerplate, the exclusive food and beverage provider, is committed to being "green". China and silver are the standard set with reusable cloth napkins and table linens. Water is served on request and by the pitcher. Condiments are served bulk style and the local fare is purchased from nearby farms and businesses whenever available. Excess food and beverage left over from events is donated to local shelters and soup kitchens.

■ Energy Management:

The abundance of windows decreases the need for lighting and thus, reduces electrical needs. Temperature and lighting are kept at minimal levels on non-event days and motion sensors control lighting in intermittently used spaces.

■ Clean Air and Water:

The indoor air quality is monitored for carbon dioxide concentrations to insure safety and comfort for our guests. The Washington State Clean Air Act prohibits smoking within twenty-five feet of any entrance to the Spokane Convention Center. Attendees are encouraged to use water bottles to drink local water supplied by the Spokane Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for the 500,000 people in our region. Not only is the water pure but it has a clean, refreshing taste.

■ City Center Location:

Located in the heart of Downtown Spokane, the Spokane Convention Center encourages low-impact transportation which reduces energy and emissions. The Center is easily accessible to mass transportation, bike trails and pedestrian walkways. Lodging, shopping, dining and entertainment are within walking distance, making the Lilac City easy to navigate.