



Event Center Project Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!



As 2019 draws to a close...

by Washington County Project Manager, Geoffrey Kavulya

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our project team, for their contributions in keeping the project on schedule with particularly special attention to budget, scope and quality expectation. Great strides have been made since January and we have hit all the milestone commitments. With structural steel topping out behind us, it does not hurt to brag about having a roof over our heads. Well done team!!

As we look back with nostalgia at our achievements and successes in 2019, we should not forget the challenges that lie ahead, and therefore let us plan on continuing the momentum. I think it is safe to posit that we are entering 2020 with the advantage of hindsight and we plan to use it wisely. Moreover, as we prepare to take a breather for the holidays to unwind and celebrate, lets reflect on the year that has been and the lessons learned moving forward.

Furthermore, on behalf of the project team, I would also like to thank our Board of County Commissioners, County leadership, our partners at City of Hillsboro, Washington County Visitors Association, and all other stakeholders for their sustained and purposeful support to keep the project on a forward. We have truly enjoyed your principled engagement and shared motivation for success.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a festive season and a prosperous New Year. As always, thank you for all you do.

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Contact Information



Shown Below Left:
A view of the Wingspan Event and
Conference Center, December 5, 2019.



Spotlight on....

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Bill Melrose
QC Manager
Swinerton Builders

Team Spotlight: Bill Melrose, Portland Quality Control Manager Swinerton Builders

By John Ciepiela

Bill was born in Portland and went Reynolds High School, and graduated from Oregon State University in 1982. Bill started in the industry in 1979 as a laborer and has held almost every position in the construction industry over his 40 year career. Some of his favorite work has been the U of Idaho Kibby Dome remodel, the Reva on the Park high rise in the South Waterfront, and Witch Hazel Elementary School right down the road. He has worked for Nelson Concrete, Walsh Construction, Skanska, Union Quarter, to name a few and landed at Swinerton May 1st, 2019. With his wealth of construction knowledge, Bill is the perfect fit for our Quality Control Manager here in Portland.

Bill is responsible for the overall quality control of our Portland division, checking in on every operation from tenant improvement to our self perform work. He is especially crucial to our design management and preconstruction efforts as we work to align design with feasibility and functionality for our clients. When he is not screaming at us with a bullhorn, Bill is an avid fisherman, cooking everything he catches with produce from his garden. He and his wife of 32 years have 3 kids, and two granddaughters. Originally hoping to retire after 40 years, his new shopping habits for his grand daughters is another reason why we are excited to have Bill as part of our project deliveries for the foreseeable future.



Team Spotlight: Keith Miller, PE, Senior Mechanical Engineer Interface Engineering

By Staff

Role on project: Lead Mechanical Engineer

Keith joined Interface in 2017. He has 25 years of experience, some of which were in the field, performing testing and balancing and commissioning activities. Keith has extensive experience designing complex HVAC systems including heating water and chilled water plants, VAV air distribution systems, clean room systems and exhaust systems.

When he's not working, you will find Keith with his wife at a rehearsal for the rock choir they sing in or volunteering at and attending his church. When it's nice weather, he likes to get out and enjoy hiking any of the many hiking trails in our beautiful state. He and his wife enjoy traveling to warm tropical destinations.

Washington County Event Center Major design challenge:

Trying to get all the duct for the conference rooms and galleries to fit above the ceiling so it's out of sight was one of the most challenging aspects of this project.

"It has been nice working with such a great team of people. The project is being successful due to everyone working together to make a great building that meets the county's needs while still remaining within the cost constraints." – Keith Miller



Keith Miller, PE,
Senior Mechanical Engineer
Interface Engineering



Left- March 2019
Below- July 2019



Left- Early September 2019
Below- Mid- October 2019



Below November 22nd, 2019



