



Kalahari Resort

Scope: New Convention Center

Location: Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Designer: Architectural Design Consultants, Inc.



When we discuss The Kalahari Resort Convention Center project, we can't help but get caught up in the numbers. The stats are impressive—the 112,000-square-foot addition (which includes a new 52,000-square-foot ballroom and adds 10 meeting rooms) brings Kalahari's Convention Center total to 212,000 square feet, making it the largest private convention center in the state and one of the largest in the Midwest. The convention center also has three ballrooms (of 52,000, 20,569 and 17,200 square feet) and boasts 45 meeting rooms.

Because of the size and scope of this project, we learned a great deal about project scheduling and sequencing throughout construction. We also reconfirmed that the key to any successful project is effective and open communications between the entire project team. And finally, we wouldn't have been successful if not for the "can do" attitude of the nearly 70 subcontractors that we engaged. In addition, we owe thanks to those who worked directly for Kalahari, who believed that we could, in fact, meet the two-year project schedule, despite record rains and snowstorms. This was truly an amazing and distinctive project!

This project was recognized by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin as a 2019 Gold Project of Distinction.

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