



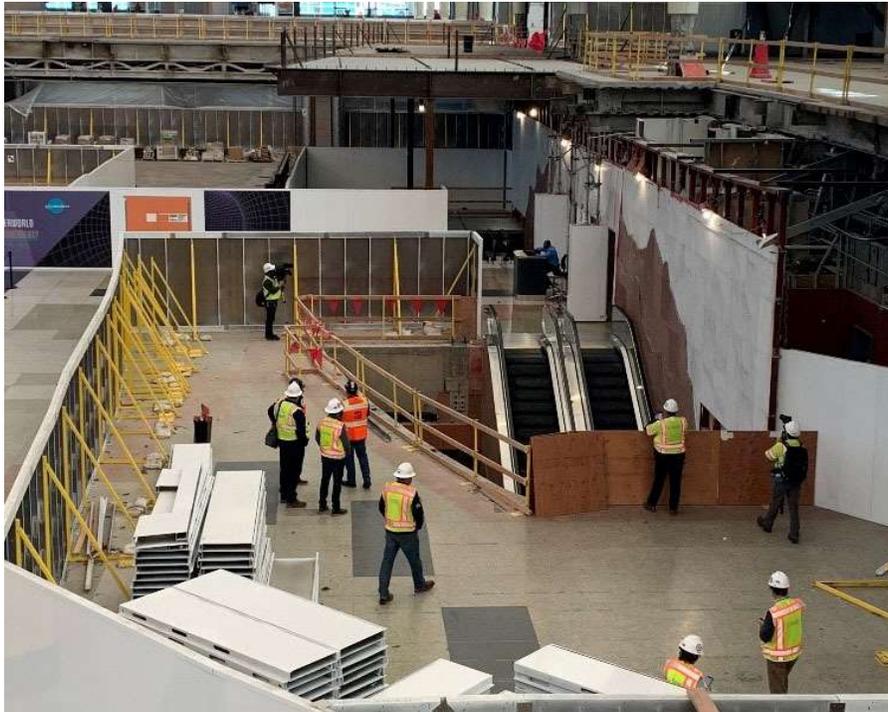
# GREAT HALL PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



November 2019

## DEN Officially Takes Control of Great Hall Project



*Transition site walk on November 12*

At noon on November 12, DEN officially took control of the project, and immediately took over the job site and all fire and life safety obligations for it. Sky Blue Builders will be responsible for maintaining the safety of the site until the contract with Hensel Phelps is executed in early 2020. The transition was accomplished over a six-hour period as DEN and Great Hall Partners walked the site together to ensure a smooth and thorough transition.

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# DEN Announces Design and Construction Team

As was announced in August, the DEN team continues to move the Great Hall Project forward quickly with the selection of new contractors. After completing a competitive selection process, DEN has chosen Stantec as the preferred lead design firm and Hensel Phelps/Sky Blue Builders as the construction manager/general contractor. The competitive selection process focused on existing DEN contractors already mobilized on site.

On November 6, the DEN team took five contract amendments to the Denver City Council subcommittee for the Business, Arts, Workforce, Aviation Services Committee for approval.

- Jacobs Engineering for program management services
- Gilmore Construction for completion of the Central Monitoring Facility, where TSA resolves checked baggage screening
- L.S. Gallegos & Associates for professional, technical and support personnel
- Stantec for lead design services
- Sky Blue Builders & Hensel Phelps for site support to ensure field integrity between Developer handoff and mobilization period

All the amendments were passed by the committee and will move to the full City Council for final review and approval later in November. Since these contractors currently have existing contracts with DEN, they were on-site on November 12 to ensure the facility is prepared for the winter.

If approved by City Council, the contract amendments will allow the contractors to continue work on Phase I of the project, which will resume in Q1 2020.

To view the presentation to City Council, click [here](#).

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## Sky Blue Builders, a Cinderella Story



*Mowa Haile and Lauren Grosh from Sky Blue Builders surveying the Great Hall site.*

Back in 2012, with Sky Blue Builders partnered as a subcontractor with Hensel Phelps on the Mountainview Project at Buckley Air Force Base, owner Mowa Haile never thought he would someday be the prime contractor over Hensel Phelps on one of the highest-profile projects in DEN's history. That is exactly what is happening in this next stage of the Great Hall Project.

Sky Blue Builders started in 2007 as a builder of custom high-end homes but in 2009 as the economy was slowing, Haile and his team looked for ways to diversify themselves. They looked toward municipalities and all the resources the City of Denver had to offer. Sky Blue Builders participated in many of the programs that allow small and minority-owned businesses the opportunity to learn about operations, bonding, insurance requirements, breaking into new markets, contract negotiations, etc.

Sky Blue Builders founder, President, and CEO, Mowa Haile didn't know he would end up in construction, but he always knew he wanted to be an entrepreneur. After 13 years in corporate America, Haile, with his business partner, Lauren Grosh, took the plunge and learned all they could about construction and management and started Sky Blue Builders. They started with five employees in 2007. Currently, they have 50 employees in two offices in Denver and one in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The best way to describe this Cinderella story is to let Haile say it for himself.

*"We are honored and excited to be a part of the Great Hall renovation with Hensel Phelps. The City of Denver, DEN and Hensel Phelps have played a great role in our growth and success since 2010. We received our MWBE certification in 2010. Our relationship with Hensel Phelps started in 2012 and was officially formalized in 2016 through the City of Denver's Mentor Protégé program. We are both committed to the DEN to execute on the project and as important, to bring up the next Sky Blue Builders in the MWBE community."*

DEN's partnering with Sky Blue Builders is just part of DEN and the City of Denver's commitment to providing opportunities for small and minority- and women-owned businesses.

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## Q & A with LS Gallego



*Lawrence Gallegos, founder of LS Gallegos*

LS Gallegos & Associates Inc. (LS Gallegos) is one of the small businesses that DEN is continuing its relationship with since the transition from Great Hall Partners. LS Gallegos has a successful record with DEN and both are looking forward to a continued partnership.

### **Tell us the history of LS Gallegos**

Lawrence Gallegos, BSCE, MBA, founded LS Gallegos in 1988 to focus on providing program management advisory services to owners/agencies responsible for complex transportation capital infrastructure programs. LS Gallegos has grown to a firm with 45 employees providing services on several major projects across the country.

### **What will be your role moving forward on the Great Hall Project?**

LS Gallegos will work jointly with Jacobs as a single program management team supporting DEN's Great Hall Completion Team. While Jacobs assembles its management team for the project, the LS Gallegos Team will continue to provide cost estimators, document control, contract/procurement, design review and construction management personnel as members of the overall DEN/Jacobs/LS Gallegos Program Management Team.

LS Gallegos is a minority-owned small business, with a large footprint, providing Project Management Advisory and Support Services to federal, state and local transportation organizations across the country. LS Gallegos' proven track record at DEN, along with the City and County of Denver's strong commitment and high goals for small business participation at DEN, has contributed to LS Gallegos' growth and ability to participate in DEN capital infrastructure projects in significant roles.

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## **Directional Floor Decals Will Help Guide Passengers in the Great Hall**

Passengers will start to see work on the Great Hall Project ramp back up again in the months ahead as the new contractors mobilize. DEN understands the impacts and inconvenience the construction can cause passengers. With that in mind, DEN has been looking for possible ways to make navigating the terminal easier and will be installing new floor decals to guide passengers around construction walls.

These different color lines will have arrows and writing on them directing passengers where to go to get to a particular airlines' ticketing or to get to north or south security. This "new to the airport" way of directing passengers will help travelers navigate the construction in the terminal and improve the passenger experience.

Along with the directional floor decals, we will be modifying signage to make it clearer. Also, Customer Service has been growing their team with additional Ambassadors and employees who will work extra shifts during the holiday season. These friendly faces will answer passenger questions and help efficiently guide them through the terminal.



*Flooring decals mid-installation near United Airlines' check-in.*

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## The Great Hall in the News



*Great Hall site tour with City Council on November 7*

As DEN finalized the transition to a new project team, the media attention and the transparency on the project have grown. DEN promised in August to keep the public informed, and doing that has opened the project doors (literally) to the media, giving them a peek behind the curtain. In October, DEN escorted the Denver Post, the Washington Post, and the Denver Business Journal on-site to see where the project stands and what the future brings for Jeppesen Terminal. November has brought numerous community groups as well as City Council to the project site.

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# New Bag Check Location Coming Soon

On November 25, DEN will relocate the bag check location in the Pikes Peak and Mt. Elbert shuttle lots to a new drive-up location on 75th Ave. The new location will provide all passengers driving to the airport the opportunity to check bags and print boarding passes before they even arrive at Jeppesen. This allows passengers to avoid ticket counters altogether! To use the service, passengers should exit Peña Blvd. onto 75th Ave. and follow signs to the bag check kiosk where a greeter will remove the luggage from the car, check-in the passenger and even print boarding passes. Then, the passenger can proceed to park in one of DEN's parking lots or can be dropped off at the terminal by a friend or a loved one, luggage free.

Bag drop is a free service offered by DEN and is available for domestic flights on Southwest, United, Delta, Spirit and American Airlines. Passengers using bag drop must be checked in and have dropped off their bags at least 90 minutes before their flight. Airline bag fees are paid at the bag drop kiosk. More information about bag check is [available here](#).