

**DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

RAFAEL VIÑOLY ARCHITECTS



The suspension roof of this 134,700-square-meter (1.45 million-square-foot) convention center integrates into a single sweeping gesture the contextual, environmental, structural, and programmatic requirements of the project. Its iconic design takes inspiration from the historic suspension bridges that span the Allegheny River

adjacent to the riverfront site and provides the latest chapter in Pittsburgh's long history of engineering and technological innovations. This unique steel cable structure made possible a naturally-lit, column-free 23,230-square-meter (250,000-square-foot) exhibition hall.

April 2016

**FACTS + FIGURES**

**Completion**

2003

**Size**

134,710 gsm

**Sustainability Rating**

LEED Platinum

**Awards**

Green GOOD DESIGN™

Award, The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and the Chicago Athenaeum, 2010

International Illumination

Design Award, Illuminating Engineering Society, 2005

President's Award,

Metal Construction Associations, 2004

Merit Award, AIA New York, 2004

Award of Merit, Eighth Annual

Design Awards, Society of American Registered Architects New York, 2003

Commercial Project of the Year, Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, 2003

**Media Coverage**

*Architectural Record*, "David L. Lawrence Convention Center," May 2004

*Metropolis*, "David L. Lawrence Convention Center," March 2004

*The Wall Street Journal*, "Convention Center Add Room with Views," October 2003

**Client**

Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

**Consultants**

*MEP Engineer*

Stantec

*Structural Engineer*

Dewhurst Macfarlane & Partners  
Goldreich Engineering

*Civil Engineer*

Chilton Engineering

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