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## Arena Improvements to Begin on Plaza

Ticket box office to be relocated; main guest entrances at Doors 4 and 6

**SALT LAKE CITY (March 13, 2017)** – The construction phase for the significant improvements to Vivint Smart Home Arena will begin on the main plaza and ticket box office lobby on March 20 after the facility serves as the site of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship First and Second Rounds.

The installation of construction fencing on the northeast corner of the plaza, the closure and temporary relocation of the main ticket box office, and the demolition and removal of the concrete bridge in front of the main Door 5 entry will be tangible signs to the start of the \$125 million arena renovation.

The majority of the construction will begin at the conclusion of the current Utah Jazz basketball season with anticipated completion by fall 2017. Events are ongoing at Vivint Smart Home Arena including concerts by Ariana Grande (March 21), Eric Church (March 25), Neil Diamond (April 9), and Gabriel Iglesias (April 22).



"We are excited to begin construction on the renovation and look forward to seeing the transformation of the arena over the next several months," said Steve Starks, president of the Utah Jazz and Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment. "The construction may cause some temporary inconveniences for our guests so we ask for everyone's patience and understanding through the process. Inside the arena, we will continue to a full array of guest services along with a lineup of great sports and entertainment events, including Jazz basketball. At the conclusion of the season, the arena will be closed as we upgrade the building amenities for a fall re-opening."

Okland Construction Company, a family-owned, regional general contracting and

construction management company based in Salt Lake City, has been selected as the general contractor for the arena project. Recent sports projects include the Huntsman Basketball Facility at the University of Utah, Maverik Stadium at Utah State University and Phoenix International Raceway. SCI Architects is the lead architectural firm with more than 100 sports related projects. ICON Venue Group is providing developmental, operational and project management support.

"Okland Construction is proud to be part of the Vivint Smart Home Arena renovation," said Brett Okland, president of Okland Construction. "We are grateful to the Miller family, the Utah Jazz, and Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment for their significant contribution to our community. We are delighted to be a part of the renovation of this acclaimed venue and to work with our subcontractor partners to make it a success."

Effective March 23, the arena box office will be relocated to a storefront on 100 South adjacent to the Courtyard Marriott. Ticket sales and the event day will call window will be moved to the new location across the street from the statues of John Stockton and Karl Malone on the southeast plaza. Standard box office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call (801) 325-7528 to confirm Jazz and event day hours.

All Jazz game night and event fan services will be operational throughout the early construction period. Fans will have the same access to the Jazz Team Store, restaurants, concessions and clubs via the main interior concourse. Increased guest services staff and magnetometers will allow for greater capacity at Doors 4 and 6 along with entrances at Doors 2 and 8. Overflow crowds will be accommodated through Doors 3 and 7 as needed.

Vivint Smart Home Arena, the premier sports and entertainment venue of the Intermountain West located in downtown Salt Lake City, will be transformed as the result of a \$125 million renovation that will enhance the fan and visitor experience for years to come. The lower and upper bowl concourses are being redesigned along with an expanded main entrance, open social corners on level six, and new clubs and suites. A multitude of food selections with more than 30 restaurants and vendors will enhance the dining experience.

Updated renderings of Vivint Smart Home Arena are available at Arena Rising.

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## **About Vivint Home Smart Arena**

Located in downtown Salt Lake City, Vivint Smart Home Arena opened in 1991 as the homecourt of the NBA Utah Jazz and is well known for being one of the hardest places to play for visiting teams. With seating capacity of about 20,000, the facility is the largest, most high-tech arena within a five-state radius and was built faster than any other arena at the time of its construction in 15 months and 24 days. The basketball court is named in honor of Larry H. Miller. Vivint Smart Home Arena is the site of a variety of sports and entertainment, including ice shows, dirt shows and concerts. The facility hosted the 1993 NBA All-Star Game, the 2002 Olympic Winter Games figure skating and short track speed skating

competitions, and the NCAA men's basketball tournament. For more information, <u>www.vivintarena.com</u>.

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