

INDOOR TRACK CENTER

A PROPOSAL TO: Eastern Oregon University



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EASTERN IN NEED OF INDOOR TRACK CENTER

IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME!

Eastern Oregon University needs to build an indoor athletic facility for use by not only athletic teams but students, faculty, staff and the general public. An indoor facility would be beneficial in many ways, as a bonus it is possible to build this indoor facility while meeting Easterns' needs at a low cost.

Eastern Oregon University needs an indoor training facility; a facility conducive to the needs of our school. First and foremost a building large enough to house a 200 meter banked indoor track, a six lane straight away approximately 80 meters in length, two throwing areas, high jump apron, and two raised long jump/triple jump/pole vault runways. Some room for viewing would be a bonus. In order to accommodate this space, the building would need to measure approximately 375ft. x 250ft., with a 40ft. ceiling height.

The former EOU Baseball field would be the proposed building site. This area has been idle for the last four years and has not, nor is it currently being used for any sporting games, or practices, of any sort. This area measures, (80feet in from the north fence, 70feet in from the east fence, 220feet in from the south fence and 70in from the track and field storage shed), 355ft X 384ft. This is more than enough room for the structure we are proposing.

A facility like this would bring many benefits. It would benefit students, administration, and the community. For example; space and time available in the current weight room, as well as Ackerman gym. This would benefit those who come in to lift and do cardio workouts by creating more room on the floor (teams not trying to train on the mondo and upper level), create more availability of cardio equipment such as treadmills, ellipticals, and bicycles (teams not doing training on this equipment), and allow more class time in Ackerman.

It would benefit athletic teams by giving them a place to train that is conducive to that specific sports need, or whether they train in the gym such as basket-ball and volleyball, or outside and need an indoor area during extreme weather like softball, football, track & field and cross country, creating a safer more productive environment overall. This would also allow additional time slots for classes in physical activity to be conducted as well as additional time slots available in Ackerman gym and the weight room.

It would benefit the university by; creating additional revenue as more students would be attracted to the school, especially athletes, knowing that a facility like this exists. Higher enrollment means more tuition, as well as on campus housing revenue. A higher student population would help the local economy by increasing spending in the community.

A facility like this would help the local economy by creating a variety of opportunities during all seasons for groups, clubs, and schools as well. In addition, involving local contractors would create jobs and revenue for local businesses.

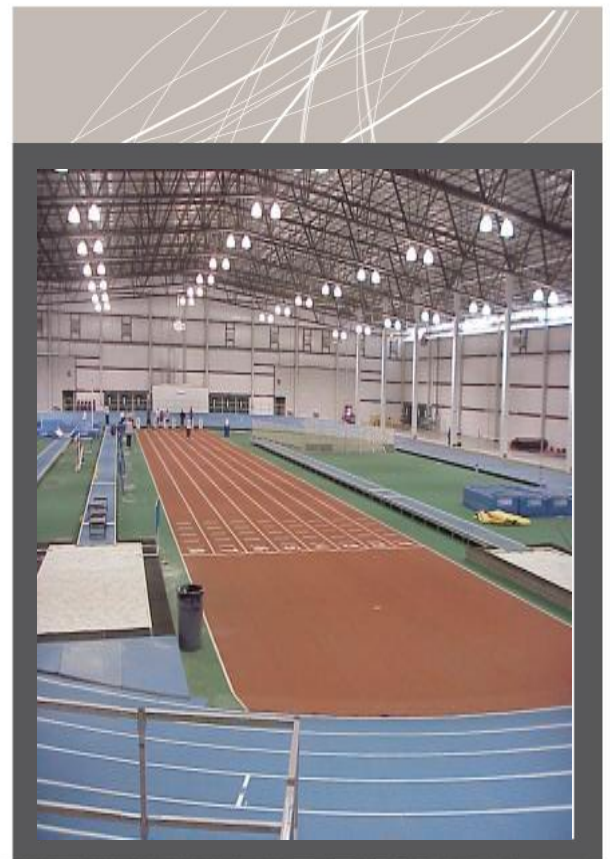
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START WITH THE BASICS

WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL?

Beginning with the basics works well. A steel building large enough to house a 200m track, with a six lane straight away, one throwing area, one elevated runway used for jumps and vault, and a high jump apron. Adding a 200m track, additional runways, throwing area, and seating could be all done in increments. Having these basic items in place would create a highly functional venue. The Idaho Center shown in the picture to the right is a good example of what we are proposing for EOU. This photo includes a 200m banked track but focuses on our primary needs, the straight away and jumping runways. There are many other examples such as NAU(Flagstaff), UW(Seattle), UI(Moscow), and The Armory(New York). These contain both flat running tracks measuring approximately 300meters, and banked 200meter tracks, these facilities are more complex than the needs of EOU.

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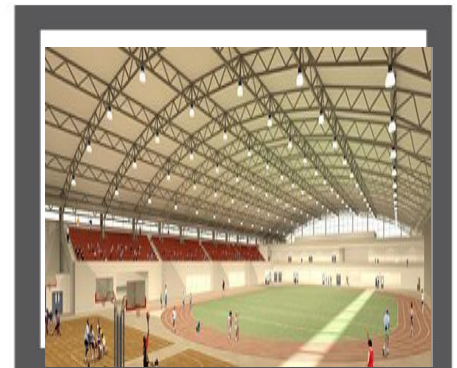
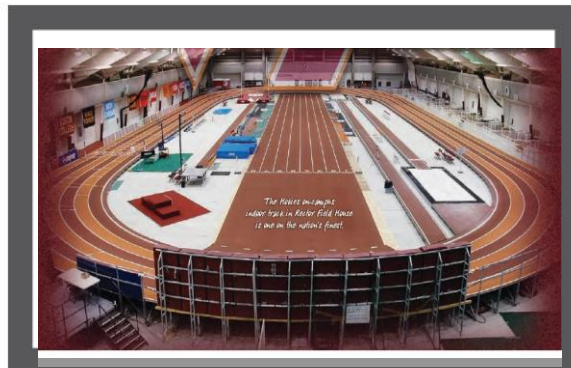


GETTING IT DONE

FUNDING & FUNDRAISING

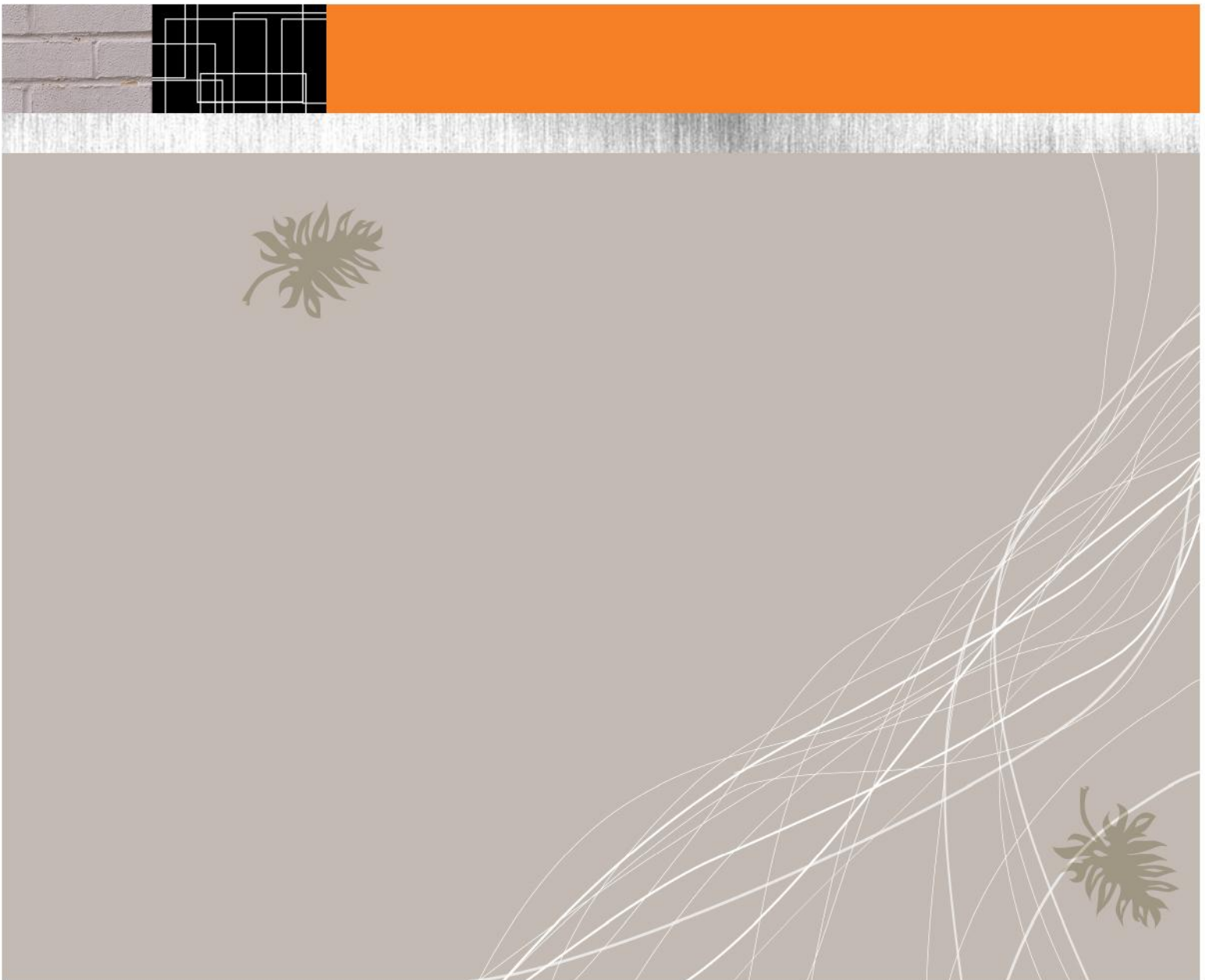
There many ways to lower the cost of this project. Involving local and regional businesses is key. These businesses have a personal interest in the community and the university. Hiring local contractors for the labor creates additional job opportunities. Some of the companies could donate services and/or materials, all or partial. Fundraising could be done as well, such as a fun run to contribute to the cause. Families, businesses and alumni may even contribute with various forms of donations.

Some, if not most equipment, we currently have could be expanded very easily, which would reduce cost significantly. For example; our raised pole vault runway. Maintenance of the building could be funded by nominal fees to use the building by outside groups, conduction of a multitude of sport clinics and events during all seasons-including, on weekends, or during breaks.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Indoor training facilities provide many benefits to not only athletic teams but the community as well. This facility would benefit the students, others associated with the school, as well as the community of La Grande. Having a facility in a region that experiences extreme winter weather, jeopardizing participation in athletic activity, would be a great asset to everyone, which is why Eastern needs to build a facility like the one proposed here.



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