

# EASTERN OREGON

## TRADE AND EVENT CENTER



### Frequently Asked Questions



**What is it?** The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center will begin hosting the Umatilla County Fair and Farm City Pro Rodeo beginning in 2016. The “EOTEC” will also provide a top-notch venue for attracting many other new events to the area throughout the year.

**What will be built?** The current site plan shows what may be built as funding comes available. Facilities to support the Umatilla County Fair and the Farm City Pro Rodeo have top priority for funding and construction. Current site plans include a 6,000 seat Rodeo Arena, Event Center, Livestock Barns, a covered livestock area, a 3,000 seat amphitheater, RV Park, and parking for as many as 1,541 visitor vehicles.

**How much will it cost?** The initial project estimate for a full build-out of essential facilities is \$21.7 million. A full breakdown of construction costs can be found in the “Frequently Asked Questions” brochure.

**Who pays for it?** The construction funding for EOTEC facilities will come from several city, county, state, and federal contributions. Of those contributions, roughly \$7.0 million is coming from state and federal grants.

**Why move the fairgrounds?** The existing fair and rodeo grounds are aging and would require a substantial cost to upgrade anyway. Moving the facilities will alleviate many issues with parking and noise that otherwise couldn’t be addressed. The timing of the move also allows the Hermiston School District to purchase the land and increase the positive impact of the Kennison Field project while also saving millions of dollars in future high school expansion costs.

**Why am I just hearing about this now?** Moving the Fair and Rodeo to the EOTEC site has been a long-range vision by the community. Discussions about moving the Fair out of downtown appeared in the Hermiston Herald as early as the mid-1960s\*. The City of Hermiston purchased the 75 acre site south of the airport, with this purpose in mind, in 1984.

**When will construction start?** In order to host the 2016 Fair and Rodeo, construction must begin by the Spring of 2015.

**Where will it be?** The 75 acre site is located just to the South of the Hermiston Municipal Airport.



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\*Information from the book, “Oasis in the Desert: The Story of Hermiston from Sagebrush to City,” by Ronald E. Ingle (2002).