



## America's Center® Renovations

**America's Center is completing a three-year plan of improvements that includes more than \$48 million worth of updates and renovations.**

Completed projects include installation of more than 700 new signs and new energy efficient signage lighting; upgraded elevators; and new security cameras. Back of house improvements include replacing three boiler plants in south expansion, and providing 13 new modular style boilers totaling 23,600 BTU. The high efficiency boilers and new pumping systems will help reduce energy consumption.

Projects slated for completion in February 2011 include new air handling units for improved indoor air quality and the capability to purge halls of unsatisfactory air. A dozen existing air handling units will be modified and improved as well, providing the facility with improved overall ventilation and air movement.

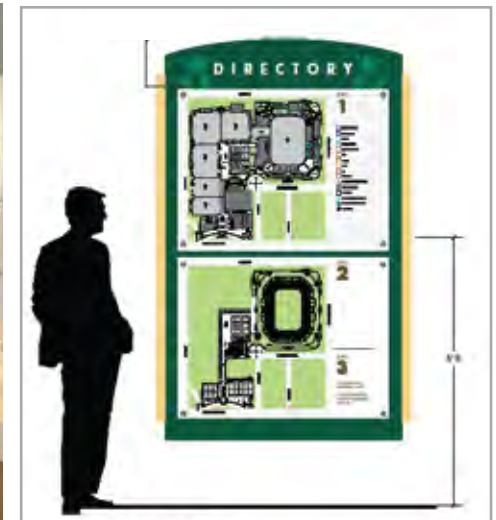
America's Center Catering will be working in a completely redesigned kitchen as the current facilities undergo a complete gut renovation. The new upgraded and expanded cooking and food prep areas will be able to support production of 8,000 to 10,000 meals per day, as new mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure is installed to support the renovated kitchen. All new kitchen equipment will be Energy Star labeled for maximum energy efficiency.

New air walls in first floor meeting rooms will be in place in April 2011, as well as a number of updates to interior finishes throughout the convention center. More than 23,000 square yards of new carpeting will be installed in the ballroom, pre-function, second floor gallery and meeting rooms. There will be new energy efficient lighting in 120/30 meeting room complex, and painting/finish improvements in all meeting spaces.

More energy efficient chiller and cooling tower plant and pumping systems include two new 1,100-ton capacity chillers, a new 360 ton chiller for low cooling load conditions and five new cooling towers with total capacity of 4,960 tons. America's Center will feature new automated chilled water plant controls to achieve highest energy efficiency.

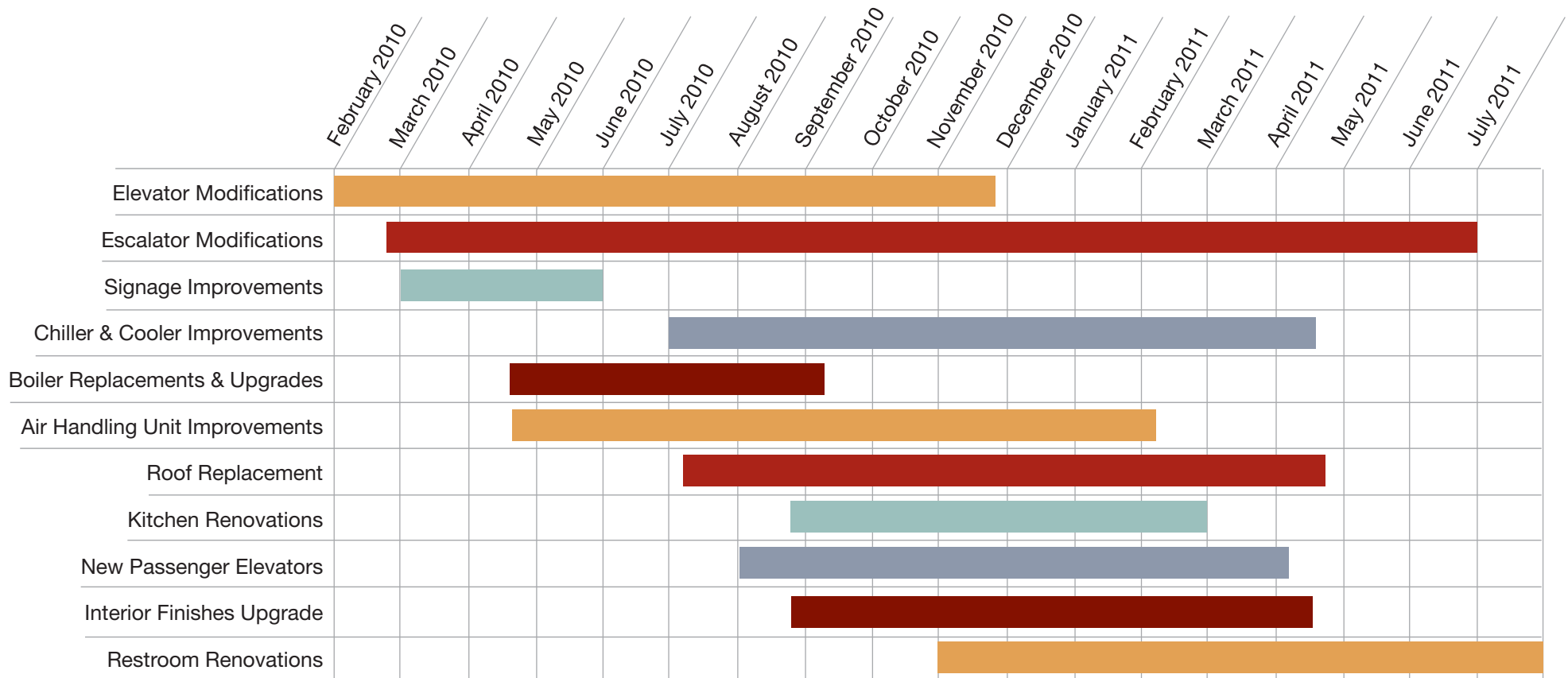
A new roof will be installed, featuring a system made of 60 mil single-ply TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) and low VOC adhesive. By June, the building will have eight new escalators in place, offering improved reliability, energy efficiency and a variety of safety improvements. Installation of the escalators is being coordinated in phases to minimize impact on the facility and conventions.

Ten restrooms in America's Center's exhibit halls will be completely gutted and renovated, as well as six pair in lobby/meeting areas, and three pair adjacent to the ballroom. Each will feature new finishes, fixtures and will be renovated to address ADA deficiencies. They will have water-conserving fixtures compliant with Epact 2005 and hands free operation, as well as new lighting and improved energy efficiency.



*Left: Purposed renovations for three restrooms adjacent to America's Ballroom. Right: Renderings of building directories*

# America's Center® Renovations Timeline



Construction Schedule:

Start: February 2010

Completion: July 2011