



Stadium to be Site of 2009 NCAA Regional Tournament

GLENDALE, Ariz. (July 6, 2006) – The NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee announced sites for the 2009 and 2010 tournaments today, awarding one of the four regional sites in 2009 to Glendale.

The 2009 NCAA Men’s Basketball Western Regional Tournament will be played in the new Cardinals Stadium, which is owned and operated by the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA).

“This is a huge event – bringing four nationally-ranked men’s college basketball teams to the venue,” said Ted Ferris, president and CEO of AZSTA. “It’s another example of how the multipurpose design of the stadium is delivering on our promise of bringing these kinds of national events to the Valley.”

Ferris commended the work of Arizona State University, as the tournament host, and Global Spectrum, the management company hired to operate the facility, to secure the regional tournament.

AZSTA expects to partner with both ASU and the University of Arizona in applying to host a future Men’s Final Four basketball tournament when the NCAA sends out bid packages later this year.

“We are honored to host this great event and appreciate the hard work of our staff and partners, AZSTA and ASU, in putting together the successful bid,” said Peter C. Sullivan, General Manager of Global Spectrum, the managers of Cardinals Stadium.

The new stadium is the only venue west of San Antonio capable of hosting the Final Four. The addition of the 2009 Regional Tournament is the latest gem

in its event roster which includes the 2007 Tostitos BCS National College Football Championship and the 2008 Super Bowl – all of which have been booked before the facility opens this August.

The other three cities awarded 2009 regional tournaments are Boston, Memphis and Indianapolis.

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