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Boston Convention Center: “Most high-tech in the country”
Shen Milsom & Wilke’s network design allows free wireless access

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
Architect: [Rafael Viñoly Architects](#), New York City; The HNTB
Companies, Boston
Telecommunications, multimedia: Shen Milsom & Wilke, New York City
Completion: Summer 2004

Earning praise from all types of exhibitors, especially those in the technology field, the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center features a flexible network, designed by Shen Milsom & Wilke, that makes everything from easy-access wireless to high-bandwidth international videoconferencing to available to exhibitors, even on the hall floor.

Now, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) is offering free wireless Internet access at the convention center—the first major convention city in the country to do so. Part of the reason the authority is able to provide this service is the fact that the wireless network was integrated into the center’s construction.

In an article: “Connected Contender: Boston leads the way with wi-fi-enabled convention facilities on the waterfront”, published in Mass High Tech, James E. Rooney, executive director of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, boasts that the Boston Center is “the most high-tech convention center in the country.”

Like hotels, convention centers have multiple tenants that occupy the same physical spaces but have greatly varying needs. Shen Milsom & Wilke’s multimedia and telecommunications design not only provides a broad range of services for exhibitors, it also minimizes the support needed from the convention center staff.

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