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**CITY OF OWENSBORO AND SPECTRA BY COMCAST SPECTACOR
NAME BLAKE HENRY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE OWENSBORO CONVENTION CENTER**

The City of Owensboro and Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, the providers of Venue Management, Food Services & Hospitality and Ticketing and Fan Engagement to the Owensboro Convention Center and Owensboro Sportscenter, today named Blake Henry, a 20-year industry veteran, as General Manager of both the Owensboro Convention Center and Owensboro Sportscenter in Owensboro, KY.

Henry joins Spectra from SMG where he most recently served as Director of Operations at the Baton Rouge Convention Center. During his career, he assisted in project development stages from conception to day-to-day operational aspects of three AEG ground-up public facilities projects, including the STAPLES Center arena in Los Angeles, CA.

He has served as an Executive Director for the YC Performing Arts Center in Prescott, Arizona; General Manager of the Nokia Theatre and the Best Buy Theater, both in Times Square in New York City.

He has successfully managed entertainment businesses with annual revenues of more than \$15 million.

“Blake brings a tremendous amount of leadership skills to Owensboro,” said City Manager, Bill Parrish. “We look forward to his arrival and what he can do with the very successful Spectra team that’s already in place here in Owensboro.”

“Blake’s vast array of experience in venue management and live entertainment supports our mission in Owensboro to continue to enhance bookings, provide exceptional guest services and showcase the Owensboro Convention Center as the premiere destination for entertainment, regional and local meetings and conventions, as well as build on our ticketing program, “ said Pam Plageman, Regional Vice President of Spectra Venue Management and Food Services and Hospitality. “Blake is excited to get involved in the community and work with the City and Spectra teams to keep the momentum going.”

Henry’s first day with Spectra will be Thursday, February 23.

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About the Owensboro Convention Center (owensborocenter.com): Western Kentucky’s newest, premier meeting space - the Owensboro Convention Center - is a full-service meeting facility overlooking the scenic Ohio River in revitalized downtown Owensboro, KY. The multi-purpose center boasts over 160,000 sq. ft. including a 44,000+ sq. ft. exhibition hall, and additional ballroom and meeting space. Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, a worldwide leader in venue management, proudly manages the Owensboro Convention Center.

About the Owensboro Sportscenter The Owensboro Sportscenter is a multi-purpose 5,000 seat arena. The arena floor has over 11,000 square feet of usable space modified for basketball, concerts, expos, banquets, and other events. The Sportscenter is the home of the 8-time Division II national champions Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers basketball team. The Men's and Women's teams play in the G-MAC Conference. The Sportscenter is also home to the Owensboro Catholic High School Aces. Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, a worldwide leader in venue management, proudly manages the Owensboro Sportscenter.

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