



# CITY OF KENNER

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### ***Kenner's Pontchartrain Center Receives New Telescopic Seating***

New telescopic seating has been installed in the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner that allows the popular civic and events center to continue to attract a wide range of clients with state-of-the-art seating for the sporting, theater, school and other events held during the year.

The existing seats were demolished and new seating banks were installed in Halls A & B of the center at a cost of \$1.488 million, said Kathleen Turner, general manager of the Pontchartrain Center.

The contractor on the job is Specialty Supply and Installation, LLC, using seating manufactured by Hussy Seating. The installation occurred within a tight two-week window in which no events were scheduled because the holiday season is generally the slowest time of the year.

"It's important that all of the amenities at the Pontchartrain Center are of the highest quality and follow any technological advancements in the field," Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. "That's exactly what has happened with the installation of this telescopic seating."

The new seating banks are motorized and can be easily moved to allow for more configurations than were possible with the old seats, Turner said. Another significant attraction of the new seat banks is that direct access is now available from the main halls to meeting rooms, she said.

Maximum seating in the Pontchartrain Center has now increased to 3,158, but in a theater-style configuration, with the addition of portable chairs on the floor, it's possible to accommodate up to 4,000 people, Turner said.

"The Pontchartrain Convention and Civic Center was able to continue generating revenue for the City during the seating installation by utilizing other areas of the Facility such as Hall C and the Meeting Rooms," Turner said.

"Of great value to the Center and its clientele is the new configuration affording events an exclusive area for sound and light technician placement, thereby retaining full seating capacity. Trade, Consumer, and Convention events will now have immediate access from Hall A to Meeting Rooms (1-3) on the ground level.

Portable telescopic seating designed to insert within the Hall B/C access openings has provided an additional 176 seats, a plus for events such as state volleyball, wrestling and other competitions, AAU events and graduations."

The new seats were inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office on January 29th and the Kenner City Council granted final approval on the seating contract with a unanimous vote at tonight's meeting.

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