

The Fresno Convention Center was opened in October of 1966.

The success of the complex was greater than ever expected by even the most optimistic supporters. It was the last word in functional efficiency for cultural, social and convention use in the Fresno area.

Originally the complex consisted of three separate buildings that sit under one roof line and are separated by 90 foot mallways. The three entities consist of a theatre with a capacity of 2,359, an exhibit hall, now the 'ballroom' with 32,000 square feet of unobstructed exhibit space and 12 meeting rooms and a 6,500 seat arena that was expanded in 1981 to hold 11,300.

The complex now spans over five city blocks and boasts five separate facilities.

The latest addition, a 77,000 square foot exhibit hall with 25 meeting rooms, opened in December 1999 and houses the center's administration and operation divisions.