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## SEATTLE STORM TO DEVELOP CITY'S FIRST CENTER FOR BASKETBALL PERFORMANCE

Facility will be first of its kind in the United States; Project team more than 80% women

**SEATTLE, Wash.** — **May 20, 2022** — Today, Force 10 Facilities, LLC (F10F) submitted a Master Use Permit application for a new, state-of-the-art professional basketball performance center. The center will serve as the dedicated practice facility for the WNBA's Seattle Storm. Its design will both celebrate the Storm's success in Seattle and allow the franchise to expand its efforts to grow opportunities for female athletes and youth in the city.

F10F is developing the Seattle Storm Center for Basketball Performance on a 50,000-square-foot parcel in Seattle's Interbay neighborhood. The design will include two side-by-side basketball courts, the "Storm Team Center" with locker rooms, a lounge and a nutrition center for the players, and strength and conditioning training spaces. The facility will include room for diagnostics and physical therapy, as well as the franchise's business offices. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2023 and be completed in time for training camp ahead of the 2024 WNBA season.

"We are excited to create a state-of-the-art training facility for our team and for our city. The Storm facility will provide our athletes with a dedicated space to support them holistically, from training to health and wellness," said **Lisa Brummel**, co-owner of the Seattle Storm. "This facility reflects our franchise legacy, our athletes' success, and aims to promote and grow the women's game and expand youth access to play."

The women-led project team includes owner's representative <u>barrientos RYAN</u>, a design team led by <u>ZGF Architects</u> and <u>Shive-Hattery Architects</u>, general contractor <u>Sellen Construction</u>, and landscape architect <u>Walker Macy</u>. Additional project partners include Coughlin Porter Lundeen, Holmes, Prime Electric, PAE, Apollo Mechanical, Counterbalance Consulting, PanGeo, Counsilman-Hunsaker, Bargreen Ellingson, Heffron Transportation, RDH, Studio Pacifica, and BRC Acoustics.

F10F's goal is to build a world class facility for world class female athletes with women-led teams, supported by men and women who are experts in their areas of specialty:

- Currently, 85% of all project team members across all disciplines are women.
- The building design celebrates the Storm's Pacific Northwest home, deriving inspiration from the roots of its industrial neighborhood and the team's commitment to elite performance.

- The project is designed to achieve LEED® Gold certification, featuring all-electric operations and a rooftop photovoltaic array.
- Upon the building's completion, the franchise will continue its longstanding work with non-profit and community partners, welcoming them to its new home to collaborate in supporting community development.

For more information on the project, visit <a href="https://sellen.com/storm">https://sellen.com/storm</a>

StormBasketball.com

## **About The Seattle Storm**

The Seattle Storm is a four-time WNBA championship team that brings a premium professional basketball and entertainment experience to a fanbase rich in tradition and support. The organization leverages its community-building platforms to contribute to the Puget Sound's economic growth. The Storm actively expresses its embrace of diversity, equity, and inclusion through its practice of fighting for social and racial justice across the country. This work, through the Force4Change initiative, includes amplifying Black women leaders and encouraging investment in Black communities. In addition, with its focus on fitness and health, the Storm promotes local youth development in the areas of leadership and sports, with an emphasis on girls and women. For more information, visit <u>StormBasketball.com</u>.

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