

# Wynn Las Vegas South Convention Center Expansion

**KHS&S Contractors** | Brandon Kephart, Area Operations Manager



When KHS&S Contractors landed the 430,000-sq.-ft. Wynn Las Vegas South Convention Center expansion project—which would more than double the rentable meeting and convention space—they knew they had a beast of a project on their hands.

“It was pretty all-consuming,” says Brandon Kephart, Area Operations Manager, “It took a team of over 300 working 10–12 hours daily for 6 months to complete the job.”

The massive space, with walls as high as 45' in some areas, features a collection of meeting rooms, ballrooms, pre-meeting spaces, a promenade and more.

“We completed the entire project using Dunn-Edwards products, starting with ULTRA-GRIP Select primer for the interior,” says Kephart.

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For the finish coats, the KHS&S team used SPARTAZERO, SPARTAWALL, EVEREST and ARISTOSHIELD—all in a range of 10 Dunn-Edwards colors as specified by Wynn Design & Development.

The exterior portion of the job, which only consisted of the metal surfaces, found crews using a combination of ENDURAPRIME metal primer, then ACRI-HUES, ARISTOSHIELD and SPARTASHIELD. “For me,” says Kephart, “ENDURAPRIME was the star of the exterior products. It meets our desert requirements in that it dries quickly and performs better than other metal primers I’ve seen used in a hot region like Vegas.”

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Over the course of the project and 100+ jobsite deliveries, including occasional weekend runs, 12,000+ gallons of product and countless sundries were delivered. Recalling how tight the logistics on the project were, Kephart says Dunn-Edwards' ability to consistently hit delivery windows was key to keeping Paint Superintendent Erick Hernandez and his crews on schedule, within budget, and equipped properly. "Erick and the Dunn-Edwards team made it possible for me and management to focus on other important details of this large project."

"As you can imagine, the place was crawling with tradespeople and getting material in and out required a lot of coordination," says Kephart. "The Dunn-Edwards driver did an excellent job of communicating with our yard supervisor. He really went above and beyond and was instrumental in keeping an important client happy."

Kephart also notes that his Dunn-Edwards rep rose to every challenge thrown his way. "Our rep did everything in his power to keep the project on track and ensure we were able to keep working. In the end, we hit our targets and the folks at Wynn and Wynn Design & Development love the way it looks."



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