



Subject: IBPSA-USA Relocates SimBuild Conference Due to Auraria Campus Protests

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Dear SimBuild Attendees & Sponsors:

In response to escalating civil unrest at the Auraria Campus, IBPSA-USA has relocated the SimBuild conference, held Monday, May 20th through Thursday, May 23rd, 2024. Auraria Campus has notified IBPSA-USA today that all activities in event spaces from May 18th through May 26th, 2024, have been canceled.

The conference will now take place at [Hilton Denver City Center](#) located at [1701 California St, Denver, CO 80202](#), at the same time, on Tuesday, May 21st through Thursday, May 23rd, with pre-conference workshops on Monday, May 20th. The new SimBuild venue is approximately 1.5 miles away from the original location, in an area that has not been impacted by civil unrest.

Attendees who have reservations at the SpringHill Suites next to Auraria Campus will have their reservations converted at the same rate to stay onsite at the new venue by the IBPSA-USA team. You will receive more information shortly. Those that prefer to stay onsite at the new venue can contact +1 303-297-1300 and mention the IBPSA-USA room block for a rate.

HackSimBuild (Sunday, May 19th and Monday, May 20th) will remain in its original location at Big Ladder Software ([1617 Wazee St #200, Denver, CO 80202](#)). All previously scheduled sessions and events will proceed according to the original schedule at the new venue, Hilton Denver City Center.

IBPSA-USA's Executive Director Hanif Smith stated, "Our top priority is the safety of everyone involved in our conference. While the protests at our original venue were communicated to us as peaceful, the past few weeks have since escalated and the campus has been balancing the protection of free speech with the need to ensure

safety. We respect the right to free speech, and the Auraria Campus' decision to suspend events on campus and appreciate their assistance in relocating. We remain focused on providing a secure environment for our attendees.”

Key Details of the Relocated Conference:

- **New Venue:** Hilton Denver City Center located at 1701 California St, Denver, CO 80202
- **Agenda:** The schedule and agenda remain unchanged and new room locations will be announced soon and available in on [ConfTool](#) & the [conference app](#).

IBPSA-USA leadership is working to ensure a seamless transition and address logistical concerns. Attendees will receive updated information regarding location, transportation, and accommodation options through the official conference website and via direct communications. Stay up to date on the latest developments by [downloading the Conference4me app](#).

I appreciate the understanding and support of our community as we adapt to this developing news. Our commitment to safety is paramount, and we look forward to delivering a high-quality conference for all attendees despite the change of venue.

For further updates, please visit <https://www.ibpsa.us/simbuild-2024/> or contact events@ibpsa.us for any questions.

Sincerely,

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President of IBPSA-USA

on behalf of the IBPSA-USA Board of Directors, Staff, and SimBuild 2024 Steering Committee
