



Randy Baumeister

Director of Operations and Productions

As Director of Operations and Productions, Randy is actively engaged with on-site consulting and management of operational start-ups in new facilities. He is often on-site for many weeks through the commissioning of the venue and its grand opening, working to train staff on building electrical, technical and mechanical systems, procedures and equipment. He has led the opening of three

VenuWorks facilities in the last 18 months (including arenas/conference centers in Dodge City, KS, Bemidji, MN).

Previously, Randy was Director of Operations for the Iowa State Center, in Ames, Iowa where he managed the Operations division of Iowa State Center with responsibility of direct oversight of up to thirteen full-time and over two-hundred part-time staff. This included multiple budgets and cost centers of up to \$3.6 million annual budget. He also supervised rigging, electrical and mechanical installations starting at Iowa State in 1982, where Randy quickly proved he had a knack for intricate technical assembly. Throughout his ISU tenure Randy became widely known for devising practices and procedures in this area, which have evolved into the basis for many of the industry's 'best practices' used today. It's no surprise to learn that Randy has 'mentored' many of the entertainment industry's top production managers.

Prior to joining VenuWorks Randy worked with SMG and Ogden Entertainment, providing pre-opening, technical services and support for headliner shows and productions at a myriad of arena and theater facilities and events across the country. In 2008, he opened the Central Iowa Expo complex in Boone, IA. Additionally, Randy has participated and led many training exercises in the areas of Basic and Advanced Pyrodigital firing systems is also an Indoor Proximate Display Fireworks Safety Training specialist. He has also taken advanced courses through Homeland Security programs including the Domestic Preparedness Defense against Weapons of Mass Destruction Responder Awareness class.