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St. Charles Convention Center brings in \$4.6M in 2009

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Global Spectrum, manager of the **Saint Charles Convention Center**, said Monday it exceeded its 2009 budget by \$8,200. This is the fifth consecutive year since the center opened in April 2005 that **Global Spectrum** has been able to surpass budget expectations for the facility.

Global Spectrum said it hosted 378 events at the Saint Charles Convention Center in 2009, attracting more than 284,000 people and generating \$4.6 million in gross revenue. Attendance was more than 60,000 people over the previous year, and the number of events and gross revenue generated exceeded the 2004 feasibility study's expectation of 202 events and \$1.8 million in revenue, Global Spectrum said.

"In a year where the economy created so many challenges for us, it is especially rewarding for us to be able to come out ahead in the end and to be able to continue our tradition of success here at the facility," said Shura Garnett, Global Spectrum's general manager of the 154,000-square-foot facility, in a statement.

Global Spectrum's parent company, **Comcast-Spectacor**, is the Philadelphia-based sports and entertainment firm that owns the **Philadelphia Flyers** and **Philadelphia 76ers**.