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### **Vector Arena Nominated for International Arena of the Year Award**

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Vector Arena in Auckland, New Zealand has been nominated for the prestigious International ***Arena of the Year Award*** by the concert industry's flagship CIC Pollstar Awards which honors touring artists who keep the show on the road. Crawford Architects design of this landmark facility is New Zealand's first major public-private-partnership deal and Auckland's first state-of-the-art indoor venue. The 12,000 seat multi-functional arena hosts events ranging from concerts and entertainment acts to gymnastics, basketball, netball and international ice hockey.

With a distinct Auckland look and feel the arena was designed to respond to each of its' neighbors; the seaport and passenger rail line, the CBD, heritage train station, and lower scaled commercial and residential structures. The iconic roof promotes instant recognition and brand legibility as it gestures to the Auckland CBD skyscrapers.

***"This is a huge honour for everyone at Vector Arena and is a tribute to all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes,"*** says Guy Ngata, Vector Arena's General Manager. "To be nominated alongside such established venues, when we have only been open for eight months, is testament to the great acts and great shows which have performed here," he adds. "And to be the only venue in the southern hemisphere to be nominated is fantastic." Vector Arena is New Zealand's largest multi-purpose indoor entertainment and sports complex and hosted its first show in March 2007.

The Awards are due to be announced on February 7, 2008, at a glittering ceremony at the Nokia Theatre, Los Angeles.

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