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**Oklahoma City's NBA Franchise "Thunder"  
Has Chosen New Connor Hardwood Floor**

Oklahoma City, OK, Sept. 5—The newest National Basketball Association team--The Thunder--will start their first season on a brand new playing floor designed and installed for the Ford Center in Oklahoma City by Connor Sport Court International.

The name, colors and logo of the team were announced Wednesday.

Ron Cerny, president and CEO of Connor Sport Court International, headquartered in Salt Lake City, said the contract has been signed and the raw floor is already built and ready at Connor's plant in Amasa, Michigan.

"The Thunder went with our Power Guard pad, a resilient pad with a plastic encasement. It gives the best possible shock-absorption to the player," said Cerny.

The court is made of 6,720 square feet of maple and is built in exact accordance with NBA specifications. Connor Sport Court is a member of the Maple Flooring Manufacturing Association and adheres to the strict environmental guidelines of that organization. Hardwood used in the courts is from a renewable resource, with the U.S. growing six times more hardwood than is harvested each year.

Gary Gray, portables manager for Connor who made the sale, said the City of Oklahoma is the purchaser.

“We were waiting for the announcement of the new name of the team today so we can begin painting logos and titles on the finished floor,” said Gray. “Once the graphics are complete we’ll deliver and install the floor by Oct. 20.” The team was formerly the Seattle SuperSonics until the franchise moved to Oklahoma City.

Gray said the sale of the floor was largely due to Connor being the official floor of the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Final Four. “We provided the Midwest Regional floor for the 2008 Women’s Final Four in the Ford Center. As a result, the Oklahoma City and Ford Center officials became very familiar with the superiority of the Connor floor,” said Gray.

Assisting Gray in the administration and bonding process was Connor’s Lisa Vito. “She handled a ton of details to get this processed correctly,” said Gray.

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