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CARDINAL STADIUM AT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER TO HAVE METAL BLEACHERS REMOVED AND SALVAGED

LOUISVILLE, KY (Nov. 13 2014) – Work begins this month on the removal of metal bleachers in Cardinal Stadium at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The project will begin Monday, Nov. 17 and is expected to be completed in 60 days.

South End Services of Louisville was awarded the contract by the state Finance and Administration Cabinet and will pay \$65,000 to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the demolition.

The removal and salvage of the bleachers located on the east side of the 59-year-old stadium, as well as the restrooms underneath, are in response to a 2013 engineering report that found several structural deficiencies at the stadium.

"At this time, the removal of the metal bleachers is the only scheduled project at Cardinal Stadium," said Clifford "Rip" Rippetoe, President and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board.

Rippetoe had previously said that the stadium would be demolished for an estimated cost of \$3 million. However, there is no timetable or funds appropriated for razing the structure.

Once the home of University of Louisville football and baseball teams and several minor league baseball organizations, Cardinal Stadium has been recently used almost exclusively for Kentucky State Fair free concerts.

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ABOUT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

The Kentucky State Fair Board is comprised of gubernatorial appointments, members of university administrations, representing associations and leaders from around the state. The Board operates two properties, the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky Exposition Center. The Kentucky State Fair Board accounts for \$460 million annually in economic impact for the community and Commonwealth.