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## **6 new courts bring hard court action to Huntsville Tennis Center** Facility is recognized as one of the elite in nation

**Huntsville, Ala.** --- Mayor Loretta Spencer, Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control members and staff were joined by local tennis leagues to open 6 new hard courts at the Huntsville Tennis Center. Not wasting a minute of playtime, tennis enthusiasts began matches on the new hard courts as soon as the ribbon was cut.

The 6 new lighted hard courts were estimated to cost approximately \$680,000. The actual completion costs, after landscaping will be \$290,000. The city of Huntsville managed the project and completed some work in-house to facilitate a savings in construction costs.

"The work our General Services and Public Works departments did on this project saved almost \$400,000," Mayor Spencer stated. "The center's recent recognition as one of the best facilities in the nation makes us proud to know that we are able to provide the community with a first class complex."

The Huntsville Tennis Center was selected by the United States Tennis Association as one of the 2008 UTSA Outstanding Facility award winners. Only 13 facilities across the nation were selected for this award.

"Today represents the completion of phase II of the Huntsville Tennis Center since opening. It is a great day for the Tennis Center, the staff, the city and most of all the tennis community," James D. Foster, chairman of the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control. "Tomorrow we begin planning phase III, a hitting board. Thanks to Mayor Spencer, her staff, and the city council for all their support in making Huntsville a great place to live, work and recreate."

Competition Athletic Construction, LLC received the majority of the bid with OMI Engineering completing the layout and Kennedy Surveying doing the survey work required.

Mayor Spencer thanked the tennis leagues, board members and staff for their work in making the center a success and for their outstanding efforts to bring tournaments to Huntsville. Huntsville Tennis Center will host 5 major tournaments in the upcoming year including two nationals.

"Phase III is definitely a possibility," Mayor Spencer said.

For more information on the Huntsville Tennis Center, visit [www.huntsvilletenniscenter.com](http://www.huntsvilletenniscenter.com).

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