

Allen Johnson

*Orlando Venues Executive Director, CFE, CPM
Representing City of Orlando*



Since September 2004, Allen Johnson has served as the Executive Director of the City of Orlando Venues Department which includes the Amway Center, Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre, Florida Citrus Bowl, Tinker Field, Thunder Field, Harry P. Leu Gardens and Mennello Museum of American Art.

Johnson holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Central Florida and has successfully completed requirements for his Certified Facility Executive (CFE) and Certified Public Manager (CPM) designations.

Currently, Allen is a member of the International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) Board; has served as the chairman of the IAVM Foundation Board of Trustees and holds positions on its Stadiums Committee. In addition, Johnson serves on the Central Florida Sports Commission, Florida Citrus Sports, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc. and the Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. Board of Directors.

Prior to his tenure with Orlando Venues, Johnson served as the Executive Director of the Lakeland Center for over 16 years. He has also worked as an Assistant Manager at the West Palm Beach Auditorium & Stadium, an Event Coordinator at the Orange County Convention Center and a Box Office Manager at the Tupperware Convention Center.

Allen was nominated as a finalist for the *Pollstar* Facility Executive of the Year Award in 2005, 2010 and 2012. He is a past president of the Florida Facility Managers Association and a current member of their Board of Directors. He has also been honored by the Jaycees with their highest award - induction as a Junior Chamber of Commerce JCI Senator. The Orlando Venues' newest facility, the Amway Center, was nominated for a 2011 *Pollstar Magazine* Concert Industry Award in the category of Best New Major Concert Venue. The Amway Center achieved the Sports Business Journal 2012 Sports Facility of the Year. Recently, it receives international acclaim as recipient of the 2013 Customer Experience Award during TheStadiumBusiness Awards presentation held in association with TheStadiumBusiness Summit in Manchester, England.

Johnson is married to Suzi and has two daughters, Savanna and Haley Shea.