

Seattle Post-Intelligencer – 10/23 Everett to host 2008 Skate America

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EVERETT, Wash. -- U.S. Figure Skating has selected the Everett Events Center to host Skate America in October of next year.

It's expected to bring 60 top skaters from 15 nations for a three-day Olympic-style competition.

Many of the athletes will be aiming for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia.

The arena at the Everett Events Center has 8,300 seats for hockey, but it can expand to 10,000 seats.

This year's Skate America is being held this week in Reading, Penn.

Mountlake Terrace-based Production Sports is the winning bidder for the 2008 event. Co-owner Steve Baker says Snohomish County agreed to put up \$100,000 in hotel tax revenue for promotion.

Athletes will be housed at the new Tulalip Resort Casino, which is expected to open in June.