



## Texas State Bobcat Stadium

The Texas State Bobcats opened the 2012 football season in a memorable fashion. On September 8, more than 30,000 fans packed into the newly expanded stadium to watch the Bobcats take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders to begin their first season as a member of the NCAA Division 1 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conference.

Texas State University had been preparing for the move to the FBS for years, including a multi-phased plan to enhance and enlarge its football facilities. O'Connell Robertson, partnering with Heery International, began working with Texas State University in 2008. The first phase, which expanded the West Side of the stadium, was designed and constructed in just 10 months to meet the University's goal to have the new facility ready in time for the first game of the 2009 football season. The new multi-story addition provided luxury suites, an Athletic Director's suite, a President's suite and a Club Lounge.

Before the stadium could be further expanded, the existing track and field facility had to be relocated. O'Connell Robertson designed a new NCAA-compliant facility to serve as a practice and competition venue for Texas State's track and field teams. It features an eight-lane oval, field events area, support facilities and seating for 1,000 spectators.

The latest phase, the North Side Complex, added more than 13,000 seats, allowing the university to set record attendance levels for the 2012 season opener. The addition connects the west and east side of the Stadium at both the concourse and upper bowl levels and provides concessions, a kitchen, restrooms, ticket sales, locker rooms, offices and a weight room. The facility also features a new Linda Gregg Fields Strutters' Gallery, which honors the University's renowned precision dance team.

As the teams took the field in front of a sold-out crowd for the Bobcats' inaugural FBS game in their newly expanded stadium, it was clear O'Connell Robertson had helped Texas State University achieve its mission of having a facility that reflects the pride of its supporters and the national attention the program will attract.

Rising 120 feet above the field, Bobcat Stadium's new gateway clearly announced that Texas State athletics' drive to the FBS was well underway.

