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GLENDALE ON SHORT LIST TO BECOME THE NEW HOME OF USA BASKETBALL

GLENDALE, Ariz. – After successfully attracting major league baseball, football and hockey, the Super Bowl, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the BCS Championship game and the Arizona Interscholastic Association's state championships to its city, Glendale may soon be adding one more sport to its expanding lineup.

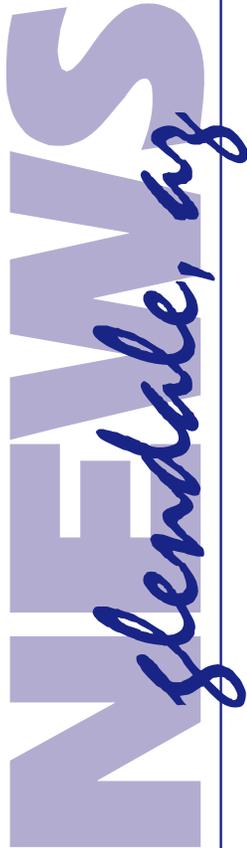
City officials have been notified that Glendale is one of four cities being considered to become the new headquarters for USA Basketball, the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the country.

The other cities being considered are Indianapolis, Ind., Louisville, Ky. and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Glendale, which became a finalist after USA Basketball conducted a nationwide search, was the only city in Arizona to submit a proposal.

USA Basketball is looking to build a new training facility that will stage year-round signature basketball competitions and festivals, exhibition games, youth instructional programs, skills camps and coaching clinics and conferences throughout the year. Executive offices will also be built as part of the project.

As the national governing body for basketball, USA Basketball is responsible for the selection and training of teams that compete in the Olympics and other international and national competitions. --more--



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“We’re excited to be this far along in the process and to learn that our city has been chosen as one of four finalists from across the country as a possible new home for USA Basketball,” said Glendale City Manager Ed Beasley. “Having the nation’s top basketball organization in Glendale would be tremendous for our state and region, and we look forward to continuing to work towards bringing USA Basketball here.”

Representatives of USA Basketball are expected to make a site visit to Glendale and the other selected cities over the next two months and plan to announce their new host city after the 2008 Summer Olympics are held. USA Basketball is currently located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Glendale is home to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Coyotes, Super Bowl XLI, University of Phoenix Stadium and Jobing.Com Arena. A new \$80 million spring training baseball complex is currently being built for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox.

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