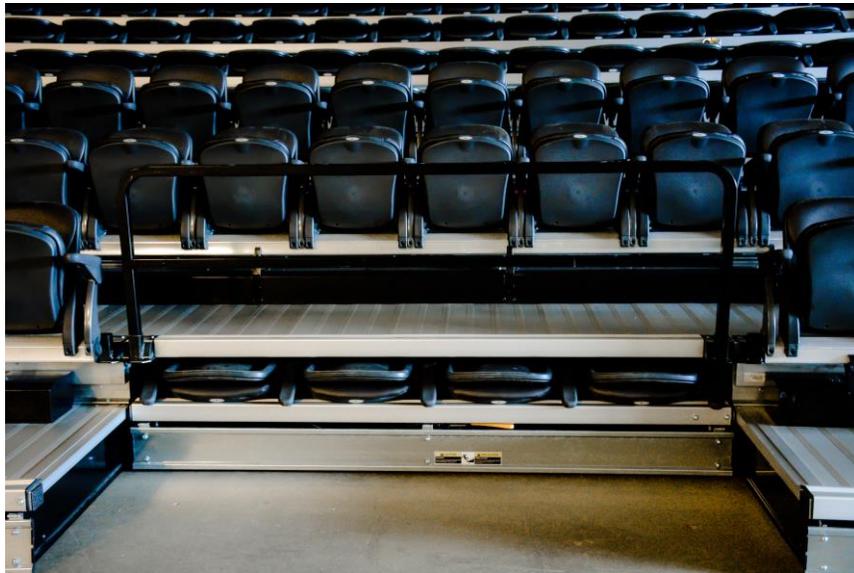


**ABLE Award  
Swiftel Center  
Inclusive Seating Design**



The Swiftel Center has been chosen as a recipient of the 2016 A.B.L.E. (Ability, Belief, Leadership and Effort to Achieve Access For All) Award for their Inclusive Seating Design, presented by the Brookings Committee for People who have Disabilities.

The A.B.L.E. Award (Ability, Belief, Leadership and Effort to Achieve Access For All) is presented annually to recognize the outstanding commitment of a business, public entity or individual in fulfilling the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to their website, the mission of the Swiftel Center is to “enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the region by providing a gathering place for cultural, recreational and educational events thereby positively impacting the economy of Brookings.”

The Swiftel Center and its staff do more than positively impact the economy, they positively impact the people who attend events and use the facility. While the Swiftel Center faces some unique challenges due to the original design and construction, the staff continues to go out of their way to ensure programming is accessible to all people. Due to the constant changing nature of the events at the Swiftel Center, staff must be properly trained to accommodate numerous seating charts and circumstances.



Additionally, with the completion of the new seating project, the Swiftel Center has achieved an optimum level of inclusive seating. Throughout the design process and ordering of the new seating, Swiftel Center staff worked with the Brookings Committee for People who have Disabilities and the City ADA Coordinator to ensure optimum accessibility was achieved.

The Committee specifically appreciates the customer service and inclusive attitude exhibited by the staff at Swiftel Center. From day of event staff to senior management, Swiftel Center employees continue to be role models and leaders in providing an all-inclusive environment.

The accommodations and actions of all those involved with Swiftel Center do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

It is the Committee’s intention to highlight the efforts of an outstanding business or entity, which in turn may motivate others to provide improved accessibility to goods, services and recreational opportunities. Since 1996, there have been 75 nominees for the A.B.L.E. Award.

