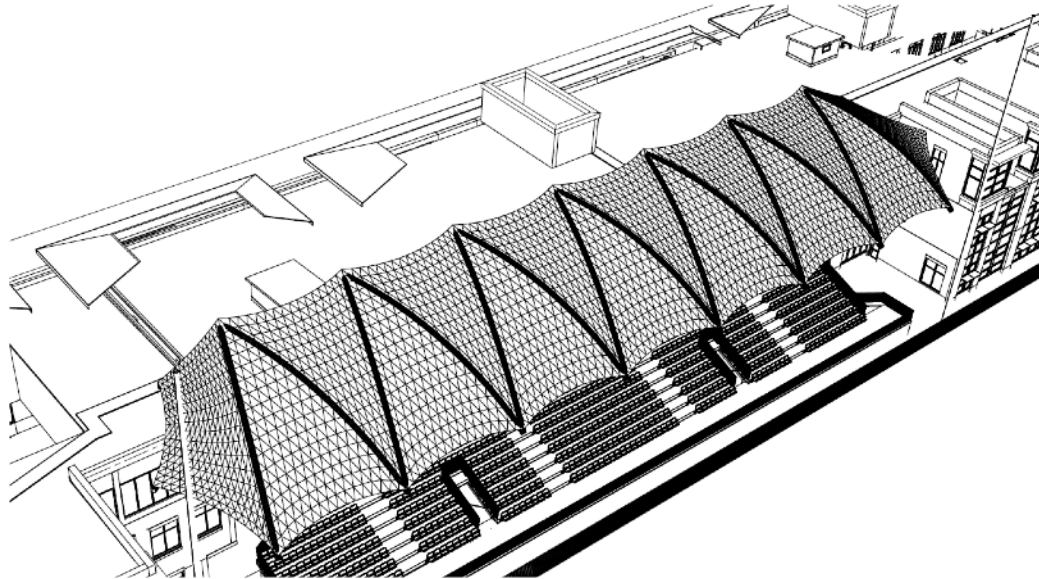




NEWS RELEASE

'Second to None,' FabriTec Structures Wins Bid to Design and Build Grandstand Canopy at Chapman University's Ernie Chapman Stadium, Home of the Panthers



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DALLAS, TX – (September 20, 2016) – [FabriTec Structures, LLC](#), North America's leading design/build contractor specializing in tension fabric structures, is currently under contract by C.W. Driver to design and build a large tensile membrane canopy to shade a new set of bleachers being erected across Wilson Field at Chapman University, abutting the new Center for Science and Technology.

In 2008, Chapman University rebuilt Ernie Chapman Stadium to include state-of-the-art locker rooms, laundry facilities, a training room and a press box. New construction, across Holly and David Wilson field, opposite the stadium, features underground parking and new visitor bleachers with shading '*Second to None*,' for 834 visiting fans.

From the supporting column connection, the barrel-arched structure will cantilever a significant 34 feet over patrons in the seats below. The V-shaped steel frame eliminates the need for supporting frames in the front of the structure that would otherwise block views of the field.

FabriTec won the heavily competed bid in two stages, first winning the bid to provide design and engineering drawings for the bid set, then winning the bid to actually design and build the tensile canopy.

The canopy has a total fabric surface area of 8,920 sq. ft. which will be fabricated in PTFE Sheerfill II. As no heavy equipment will be allowed on the field, the complexity of the job lies in the coordination between steel sub contractor and FabriTec. The logistics will be key on this project and the schedule is tight. Initial site mobilization is scheduled for late November 2016 with substantial completion expected in late spring 2017.

Chapman Stadium is home to 23 Division III teams and club sports, as well as the intramurals program. It was re-named in 2000 after the son of the university's namesake, Irvin "Ernie" C. Chapman, who played football at Chapman in the early 1930's. 'Second to None,' is Chapman University's fight song, written by Retired Superior Court Judge James P. Gray.

Architect: AC Martin Partners, Inc.
Contractor: C. W. Driver, LLC

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About FabriTec Structures:

FabriTec Structures, a design/build specialty contractor, has grown to be recognized as a leading brand in the tensile membrane structure industry. The company offers custom architectural fabric structures for a wide variety of markets including: Airports & Transportation, Retail, Hospitality, Stadiums & Athletic Arenas, Amphitheaters and much more. FabriTec provides imagination and innovation in fabric architecture. Visit <http://www.fabritecstructures.com> for more information or follow us on [facebook/fabritec](https://www.facebook.com/fabritec).

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