DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is a popular destination for engagement, education and scientific study with a repository of more than four million collections from around the world. The City and County of Denver owns the facility and the Museum nonprofit organization manages the institution. The Museum is open 364 days a year and has served more than 80 million visitors since opening in 1908. While visitors have happily been engaged, entertained and educated over the years, the building and infrastructure are impacted by the steady use.

The Museum is an assortment of buildings that have been constructed by connecting one to another since the first structure housing a workshop and heating plant was opened in 1903. The first public building opened in 1908 and remains a public area today. A wing has been built approximately every decade since 1908, growing in total building size from 28,068 square feet to the current square footage of 711,000. This project will provide deferred maintenance on critical items such as HVAC and life safety priorities. HVAC system requirements include replacement of two 400-ton chillers, installation of a west cooling tower and the replacement of the northwest wing air handling unit. Life safety improvements include replacement of smoke and damper control systems.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 2001 Colorado Blvd.
District: 9
Neighborhood: City Park
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $17.6 million
Designer: BCER
Contractor: Haselden Construction

PROJECT BENEFITS

Replaced aging infrastructure
Improved safety and efficiency
Maximized museum collections and programs

KEY MILESTONES

FUNDING AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT EXECUTED 2018
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2018
PROJECT COMPLETION 2021

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