

Cumberland Science Center

Nashville, Tennessee

Role: Museum Planner and Architectural Conceptual Design

Program: Interactive science exhibits, changing exhibits, lobby, classrooms, cafe, store, offices and support areas.

Building Area: 167,000 sf

Status: Planning completed in 1998

Description: VernerJohnson provided a master plan and conceptual design for relocating the museum to a new 167,000 sf facility to a downtown site in Nashville. The design utilized a phased approach, with a 3D IMAX theater and lobby comprising the first phase. The exuberant curvilinear forms of this 29,000 sf first phase established the new public presence of the museum along the new urban park that it fronted and allowed for future museum phases to be added incrementally over time. This park-front facade has maximum transparency to accentuate views into the building and help generate public excitement and curiosity about the activities and programs taking place inside.

