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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession documents the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) building West Court renovation and Discovery Center project. The Discovery Center, funded by the Discovery Channel, features an IMAX theater with a six-story-high screen for 2-D and 3-D movies, a six-story Atrium Cafe with a food court, and expanded museum shops. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, proposals, architectural drawings and specifications, and related materials.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Buildings -- Repair and reconstruction  
Natural history museum directors  
Natural history museums

Types of Materials:

Architectural drawings  
Manuscripts

Names:

Discovery Channel (Firm)  
IMAX Corporation

## Container Listing

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