Exhibition Records, 1980-2005

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the planning and development of the Smithsonian Information Center (SIC) in the Smithsonian Institution Building. The SIC, which opened on November 15, 1989, served as the primary visitors' center for the Institution. Many of the files document the SIC's interactive and audiovisual components. Also included in this accession is a small amount of material documenting other projects and research. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, manuals, specifications, architectural drawings, reports, proposals, clippings, press releases, videotapes, and related materials.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Exhibitions
Museums -- Public relations.
Visitors' centers

Types of Materials:
Architectural drawings
Clippings
Manuscripts
Videotapes

Names:
Smithsonian Institution Building (Washington, D.C.)
Smithsonian Institution Center.
Container Listing

Box 1

Smithsonian Information Center (SIC) Planning (background and opening including 6 interactive video discs (IVD), 4 site locator units (SLU), 2 presentation/video theaters, 2 fiber-optic electronic maps, backlit panels on museums and research centers, and membership pylon) - Clips, Articles, Press Releases

SIC Planning - Planning Background Information, 1982-1988

SIC Planning - Interactive Video Guide (IVG - formerly IVD), SLU, and Film Clips, 1987-1989 (including original designs)

SIC Planning - Proposed Electronic Components for New SIC (Lunaria's design proposals for IVD and SLU), 1987-1988

IVD/SLU Reference Manual

IVD/SLU Reference Manual - IVD draft to Lunaria, 1988


IVD/SLU Reference Manual - Interactive Video Monitor (new program translations), July 1999


SLU Screens History (2 SLUs accompanied 2 fiber-optic electronic maps) - SLU Screens (List of Sites), 1993 and 2001

SLU Screens History - SLU Screens (Paintbrush Screenshots of SLU Sites), 1990-2003

SLU Screens History - SLU Electronic Map Sites, 1989 and 1996

SLU Screens History - SLU Screens (Procedures), 2004


IVD-IBM Workshop Video (VHS)

SIC Orientation Video (originally produced in 1989 by Office of Telecommunications) - VIARC Orientation Video Award, 1989

SIC Orientation Video - Revised, 2000

SIC Orientation Video - Revised, 2001
VIARC Beginning Online Technology (VIARC's virtual information center on AOL and the World Wide Web began in 1995) - Information on the Smithsonian Entering Cyberspace Since 1994

VIARC Accessibility Plan, 1987-1996

Smithsonian Accessibility, 1985-2000

Smithsonian Surveys - Visitors, Information Desks, and Membership, 1980-1984

VIARC Photograph Archives, 1984-1985

Smithsonian Article - Cultural Heritage Paper, 1988

150th Anniversary - Articles, etc., 1992-1998

Smithsonian History - Smithsonian Video Collection, 1988