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## **Smithsonian Selects Quinn Evans / Mueller Team for National Air and Space Museum**

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Baltimore-based Mueller Associates has been selected as part of a multi-disciplinary consulting team led by Quinn Evans Architects that will design a major revitalization of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall. The project will focus on repair of the exterior envelope and renewal of the HVAC systems throughout the 687,000-square-foot museum.

"We are excited to continue working with the Smithsonian Institution on another popular and important museum project," says Robert Marino, PE, LEED AP, president of Mueller Associates. "Our engineering team will study and evaluate mechanical system replacement options to help protect the museum's collection, utilizing sustainable and energy-efficient technologies."

Mueller Associates recently completed mechanical/electrical engineering for the restoration and renovation of the historic National Academy of Sciences headquarters in Washington, DC, also working with Quinn Evans Architects. The two firms also collaborated on the renovation of the Sant Ocean Hall in the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

The National Air and Space Museum opened on July 1, 1976, as part of the nation's Bicentennial celebrations, and continues to be one of the most visited museum facilities in the world. With its 23 themed galleries, the building has hosted more than seven million annual visits on average over the past four years. Notable NASM collections within the National Mall facility include the 1903 Wright Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis, the Apollo 11 command module Columbia, and a lunar rock. The NASM collection is without peer in the field of aerospace and is among the strongest "history of technology" collections of any kind in the world.

### **About Mueller Associates**

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Current and recent projects include the renovation of the historic Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; the new Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia; George Mason University's new Fuse at Mason Square in Arlington, Va.; the Fernandez Family Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning at Loyola University in Baltimore; the renovation of Carrington Hall at the University of North Carolina's Nursing School in Chapel Hill, N.C, and numerous projects for Northrop Grumman Corporation throughout the Baltimore-Washington University. For more information, visit [www.muellerassoc.com](http://www.muellerassoc.com).