

Science Center of Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa

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The Science Center of Iowa is a new 120,190 square-foot facility in downtown Des Moines. Devoted to skill development and lifelong learning, the Center offers dynamic exhibit experiences, an IMAX® Dome Theater, the Iowa Learning Center, a Science Adventure Theater for live performances and SCI's renowned preschool for early childhood learning.

Opened in 2005, SCI is designed as a "flexible museum," their name for a Delta approach to change. The design of the experience platforms is focused on changeable scenarios. By separating the scenario layer from its long-term fixed platform, SCI is in a position to make future changes easily and economically.

Client: Science Center of Iowa
Capital Budget: \$62 million
Architect: Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects
White Oak's Role: Executive Producer,
Strategic Master Plan and Room Book.



White Oak was the Program Manager/Executive Producer for all exhibits and theaters in the new SCI. This assignment grew out of our work on SCI's *Community Needs Assessment, Strategic Master Plan* and its *Room Book*, defining the architectural program.



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