Mission, Organization and Functions of Smithsonian Institution

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Main Point: Standards = World class
Smithsonian By the Numbers

- **19** museums and the National Zoological Park
- **43,000** acres of land
- **11,000,000** square feet of facilities owned worldwide
- **640** buildings
- **9** states and **2** countries
- **137 million** artifacts, works of art and specimens in the Smithsonian's collections
- **2,000+** live animals
- **7.7 million** digital records available online through the Collections Search Center

Main Point:
Who we are
Main Point:
Our museums and research facilities are around the world
The Increase and Diffusion of Knowledge

- Exhibits
- Research
- Education
- Collections

Main Point:
Different standards are in all types of work
Challenges

- Historic facilities
- Collections space
- Environmental control requirements
- Open 24/7, 364 days a year
- 30 million visits per year

Main Point:
Standards in an un-standard world
Standards – Where they have worked

- Building Automation Systems
- APPA Cleaning Standards
- International Association of Museum Facility Administrators (IAMFA) Benchmarking
- Fire Protection Standards
- Design Standards
- Protection Standards
- Exhibit Standards

Main Point: Standards are critical
Standards – Where they are needed

• Environmental
• Architecture
• Sustainability
• Education space
• Professional development

Main Point: Developing standards is a continuous process
Facility Management Centralization

Main Point: Success at the Smithsonian Institution
Fire Protection Design and Life Safety Design Guide

Main Point: Prioritization in developing standards is key