

Project Delivery System

The project is being delivered using a Traditional Design-Bid-Build method with a CM agent. The owner, Smithsonian Institution (SI), is experienced in construction. They have three separate museums being housed within the Patent Office Building and each has very specific requirements for the space they will occupy. SI has spent a great deal of time in design tailoring the design to accommodate each museum. The traditional method is advantageous when the owner is experienced and has very set ideas about the design of the building. Also, time was not a critical issue when the project began, having several years to develop the design and revise it before sending it out for bid. SI also chose to use a CM agent to assist in the construction process. The CM agent assists in the preconstruction phases to bring out constructability issues. With the considerable size and high quality finishes required SI is glad to have someone else helping to monitor the project, looking for problems and other areas of concern.

