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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER DISCOVERS IDEAL SOLUTION FOR PLANETARIUM: A TEMCOR ALUMINUM DOME

GARDENA, CA October 4, 2001 — A Temcor Aluminum Dome has been erected over the new Digital Dome Theater as part of a 65,000 square-foot expansion that was completed recently at the Detroit Science Center. The Science Center provides hands-on exhibits and demonstrations where children and families can discover and appreciate science, technology and engineering. Temcor is the world's largest Aluminum Dome builder.

The Digital Dome Theater offers IMAX® presentations, star shows, slide presentations, laser displays and video programs displayed on an inner spherical dome screen.

The 60' diameter, silver painted Temcor Aluminum Dome soars 16 feet above the supporting three-story roof and blue ceramic tile outside wall. "The installation of the Dome was one of the smoother processes in the overall project," said Stan Cole of Neumann Smith Associates, the architects for the project.

"The dome looks great against our Detroit skyline," said Mel Drumm, Detroit Science Center's president and executive director. "It's likely to become a landmark."

Temcor manufactured the dome at its Rincon facility near Savannah, Georgia, and then shipped it to Detroit ready-to-assemble. A small, local crew, supervised by a Temcor field superintendent, erected the dome in less than three weeks. "Temcor has a proven, efficient design build system that can produce an installed Temcor Dome in a very short timeframe," said Bob Dagenais, Temcor's marketing manager, architectural products.

In the past few years, Temcor has provided similar planetarium domes at the Chabot Observatory in Oakland, California, Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Florida and this fall will complete projects at Dhaka, Bangladesh and Alkhobar, Saudi Arabia. Temcor has also just completed installing an Aluminum Dome at the Explora Science Center and Children's Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 60' perforated dome shelters a multipurpose/outdoor exhibit area.

Temcor has been building aluminum domes and other structures for more than 35 years and has more than 6,000 installations throughout the world in industries as varied as water and wastewater treatment, petroleum and scientific research. Temcor domes and roof systems for architectural applications are in place as sports arenas, cruise terminals, planetariums, churches, and more.

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