National Museum of American History
Renovation At A Glance

Goals of Renovation
• Create new gallery for the preserved Star-Spangled Banner
• Enhance existing architecture
• Replace aging infrastructure
• Improve public amenities
• Implement Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations

Design and Construction
• Designer: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLP
• Construction: The Turner Construction Company
  o Enhanced Architecture
    ▪ Open, central atrium
    ▪ Skylight
    ▪ Grand Stair to connect 1st and second floors (Mall entrance with Constitution Avenue entrance)
    ▪ Artifact walls on 1st and 2nd floors
  o Star-Spangled Banner Gallery
    ▪ Just north of the central atrium at the heart of the museum
    ▪ Abstract Flag on north wall above entrance and exit to gallery
    ▪ State-of-art gallery to protect, preserve, and make accessible the Star-Spangled Banner
    ▪ New exhibition that contextualizes the Star-Spangled Banner
  o Infrastructure Upgrade (central core only)
    ▪ Replace mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems in the center of the museum
    ▪ Increase and improve visitor amenities: Welcome Center, new elevators, new restrooms (ADA-compliant and family restrooms included)
    ▪ New lighting throughout central core
    ▪ New life safety and security systems
**Cost Estimate**

- **Total:** $85 million
  
  - Federal funds: $45.9 million
  - Private (Trust) funds: $39.1 million

**Schedule**

- Museum closed to public as of Sept. 5, 2006
- Demolition completed/construction starts Sept. 2007
- Museum plans to announce reopening date in Feb. or March 2008