

TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

■ Mechanical



This new educational resource celebrates Silicon Valley and the changes its technology has brought to our society. Designed by Ricardo Legorretta to serve as a dramatic architectural landmark, it includes four galleries filled with hands-on exhibits, a 300-seat domed Imax theater, cafeteria and gift shop, and two large atrium lobbies suitable for public events. Each of the exhibit galleries features a different theme:

- The Innovation Gallery tells the story of Silicon Valley's evolution.
- The Explorations Gallery features exhibits on earth, sea, and space.
- The Communications Gallery looks at the impacts of the information age.
- The Life Tech Gallery explores human performance, medicine, and genetics.

Our design includes exposed ducts and piping to complement the interior architecture, an innovative smoke-control system to allow openness between the atrium spaces and the galleries, and a low-noise mechanical system for the Imax theater.



OWNER
City of San Jose

SCOPE
132,000 SF
3 Stories

SERVICES
HVAC, Plumbing

COST
\$60 Million

COMPLETED
1998