

ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Client

Arab Community Center for
Economic & Social Services (ACCESS)
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Project Size

35,000 SF

Project Cost

\$9,169,721

Date Completed

June 2005

Delivery Method

Construction Management



JM Olson Corporation provided Construction Management services for the new Arab American National Museum & Cultural Center. The museum is the first of its kind in the United States and is dedicated to the rich cultural heritage of the Arab American community.

The project required the demolition and removal of an existing 30,000 SF building on the site which is situated between two existing structures. The basement/foundation pad construction included 97 auger cast piles 75 feet deep within a tight building footprint of only 10,000 SF. The structure also included a terrace level and a dome which measured 24 feet in diameter. The completed project encompassed three stories, 35,000 SF, above ground and an operational basement.

The museum exhibits focus on history, art, culture, immigration and employment of the Arab American community. A permanent exhibit describes Arab civilization and contributions made to the worlds of science, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, literature, entertainment and art. On the second, three galleries focus on the Arab American and immigration experience.

The third level of the structure houses administrative offices, a lunchroom, and meeting room. A concrete/metal pan roof terrace system pedestals over the lower roof system of the building. The basement features an auditorium with fixed seating, classrooms, and a rotating gallery.