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The Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums is proud to announce the Denver Museum of Nature & Science as the winner of the 2017 Building Museums™ Symposium's Buildy Award. The award recognizes the museum's leadership in guiding the complex process of planning, design, and construction of its new facilities and in creating a lasting asset for its community within a financially sustainable framework.

The museum President and CEO, George Sparks, along with administration and staff worked closely with all stakeholders and a design team, which included Maria Cole, Partner and Project Architect, with Klipp/GKK Works of Denver and Associate Architects, Walt Crimm (Planning and Design) of Walt Crimm Associates and Jeff Hirsch (Documentation) of Ewing Cole, both of Philadelphia, PA. Construction was led by Kurt Klanderaud, President, of GH Phipps Construction.

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science's new Avenir Collections Center exceeds best practices in collection preservation and meets the highest standards of human health and safety while providing access to the museum's 1.5 million objects. Special attention was paid to make such behind-the-scenes spaces as labs and collections storage areas not only functional, but aesthetically appealing.

The Morgridge Family Exploration Center's studios incorporate best practices in learning environment design and offer programming that is rich with content and encourage visitors to explore the natural world. The center includes a temporary exhibition gallery, a lively atrium space, and a Discovery Zone with exhibits, activities, and programs for early learners. The beautiful outdoor Nature Plaza with unique public art also provides opportunities for visitors of all ages to be inspired by nature and science.