



May 9, 2016

Dear County Commissioners;

SciWorks and The Children's Museum of Winston-Salem undertake to operate a new museum in downtown Winston-Salem at the site of the Old Sheriff's Office at Third and Town Run Lane. We are asking the County for the costs of the building and the permanent infrastructure therein. We anticipate that the Building be a County Asset, and that the County be responsible for maintenance of the infrastructure of the building. SciWorks and CMWS will be responsible for building and maintaining all of the exhibits (including a planetarium, butterfly conservatory etc.). In addition, SciWorks and CMWS are responsible for staffing and operating the facility.

Preparation work has been done by Rence Callahan of Walter Robbs Inc. to design a building with all of the amenities required and 40,000 square feet of exhibit space (total building is estimated at 70,000 square feet).

County Costs	
Building	\$17,500,000
Infrastructure	
Animal Care (fresh / salt water / air handling)	\$2,400,000
Maker Space (electrical, air handling)	\$70,000
Water Play area (plumbing / electrical)	\$500,000
Total cost to County	\$20,470,000

Request from the County (excluding parking, external improvements) - **\$20,470,000**

SciWorks and the Children's Museum of Winston-Salem will provide

Cost of Exhibits	
\$500 per square foot - 20,000 s.f.	\$10,000,000

SciWorks and the Children's Museum are already on the Capital Campaign Calendar Committee for a \$10,000,000 campaign to go public in January 2017. We have already raised close to \$600,000 toward the cost of designing the exhibits for the new building through previous fundraising efforts.