



## GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

### Overview: The George W. Bush Presidential Center

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- The George W. Bush Presidential Center is located on 23 acres at the entrance of the Southern Methodist University (SMU) campus five miles north of downtown Dallas. The project was designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects and landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates. It was built by Manhattan Construction and earned LEEDTM Platinum certification, the highest certification for sustainable development.
- The 226,000-square-foot facility houses two entities: the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. It also includes a museum store and Café 43, catering to museum visitors and the local community.
- The Bush Center is enveloped within a 15-acre urban park recreating the historic native prairie landscape of the past. The park recycles all storm water runoff and serves as a demonstration project for using the native landscape to conserve water.
- Pecan wood paneling accents the ceiling of the ticketing lobby, research room, classrooms and offices within the Bush Center.

#### George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

- The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). This library is the 13th presidential library in the NARA system.
- The Bush Library and Museum holds more than 70 million pages of paper records, 43,000 artifacts, 200 million emails and 4 million digital photographs. It is the largest holding of digital records of any presidential library.
- The architectural signature of the Bush Presidential Library and Museum is Freedom Hall, a 67-foot-high, 50- by- 50 foot “lantern” made of Texas Cordova Cream limestone, which pays tribute to SMU’s Dallas Hall. Freedom Hall encases a one-of-a-kind 20-foot-tall, 360-degree, high-definition video wall that orients visitors to the museum’s permanent and temporary exhibits.
- The 14,000-square-foot permanent exhibit of the museum highlights principles that guided President and Mrs. Bush in public life. The museum features exhibits on education reform, the global war on terror, and the spread of human freedom, as well as the financial crisis, efforts to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS and other moments of the presidency. There is a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and a piece of steel from the World Trade Center in the museum.

#### George W. Bush Institute

- The George W. Bush Institute was founded in 2009 and is a public policy center in Dallas with the mission of advancing freedom by expanding opportunities for individuals at home and across the globe. Built on principles that guided the Bushes in public life, the Bush Institute uses leading research to develop and implement policies that offer practical solutions to pressing problems in the United States and abroad.
- The Bush Institute has ongoing programs in education reform, economic growth, global health, human freedom, helping women in the Middle East, and celebrating and supporting our post 9/11 veterans.
- The Bush Institute’s facilities include a 360-seat, broadcast-ready auditorium, as well as seminar and reception rooms and terraces that look across the Bush Center’s 15-acre urban park. Bush Center facilities can be rented for private events.

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