



# Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream

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The Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD) is a world-class museum and cultural destination in the heart of Washington, DC, just steps from the White House. Spanning 70,000 sq. ft. across three reimagined historic buildings, MCAAD celebrates the pillars of the American Dream: education, health, entrepreneurship, and financial empowerment.

Delivering MCAAD required exceptional coordination with public agencies, preservation authorities, and federal security stakeholders, with exterior changes shaped through years of rigorous review. Within landmark structures, the team preserved or restored significant architectural elements while integrating modern building systems and state-of-the-art technology, achieving a seamless balance of historic integrity and contemporary design.

Restored ornate details frame immersive, interactive experiences including a 360-degree theater, holographic storytellers, a suspended “word cloud,” and a signature “tree of generations” welcome visitors at the entrance. Strategic entitlements, such as an alley closure enabling a new atrium connector and consolidation into a single record lot, supported a unified, efficient operation.

## PROJECT TEAM

**Developer/Owner:** The Milken Institute

**Architect and Design:** Shalom Baranes Associates; OTJ Architects

**Construction Contractor:** Grunley Construction Company, Inc.

**Other Key Team Members:** Akridge