

## OUR PEOPLES: GIVING VOICE TO OUR HISTORIES

*smithsonian national museum of american indian*

WASHINGTON, DC

The 4th floor of the new Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian houses the exhibits for the "Our Peoples" Gallery. Explus was awarded the fabrication contract for this gallery and our responsibilities include project management, fabrication, graphics production, artifact mounting and installation.

Our Peoples explores events that shaped the lives and outlook of Native peoples from 1491 to the present. The first part of the exhibition reveals the forces that affected the lives of Native peoples. It shows how Native peoples have struggled to maintain traditions in the face of adversity, and explains why so little of this history is familiar. The second area consists of eight small galleries where the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tapirapé (Brazil), Kiowa Nation (Oklahoma), Tohono O'odham Nation (Arizona), Eastern Band of Cherokee (North Carolina), Nahua of the Rio Balsas (Mexico), Ka'apor (Brazil), and Wixarika of Bancos de Calitique (Mexico) reflect about their past and share stories on events that have shaped them as distinct peoples.

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Location: Washington, DC  
Size: 7,750 Square Feet  
Design Firm: Smithsonian  
Contract/Project Type: Bid Build

