



# Gateway to Science

North Dakota's Hands-on Science Center

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## GATEWAY TO SCIENCE AWARDED *SUN, EARTH, UNIVERSE* EXHIBITION

**Bismarck, ND** – Gateway to Science, North Dakota's hands-on science center, has been awarded a copy of the *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition. This future exhibit is part of a nationwide effort designed to engage audiences in the awe-inspiring fields of Earth and space science. *Sun, Earth, Universe* is a new exhibition about our planet, the solar system, and the universe, and the big questions NASA is trying to answer about each.

Packed with engaging, hands-on interactive exhibits and dazzling imagery, this 600-square-foot exhibition will connect visitors with current NASA science research and launch them on a journey to explore the universe! How is Earth changing? What is it like on other planets? Does life exist beyond Earth? What's happening on the Sun, and how does it affect us?

*Sun, Earth, Universe* includes fun and compelling exhibits for visitors of all ages. Follow the design-build-test cycle of engineering and build a model spacecraft for your own mission to space. Spin a tumbler of 10,000 beads, representing all of the stars we can see from Earth to search for the unique one that represents our Sun. Reveal hidden images using the same tools NASA scientists employ to explore the otherwise invisible forces and energy of the universe. Take a break in the seating area and play the "Your Mission to Space" board game, or help younger visitors pilot rovers across the Mars landscape play table. These fun experiences (and many more!) introduce visitors to ongoing NASA research in the fields of heliophysics, Earth science, planetary science, and astrophysics, and encourage them to imagine what the future of Earth and space science might hold.

The *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition was created through a project led by Arizona State University, in collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition was developed by a team led by the Science Museum of Minnesota, and fifty-two copies will be fabricated and distributed nationwide by the National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Network). Gateway to Science has participated in NISE Network since 2007. Previous exhibits and programs received through the NISE Network have included NANO Days, Exploring Nano exhibition and most recently, Frankenstein200.

Exhibitions will be delivered between fall 2018 and summer 2019 and then will be on display at museums across the country over the next several years. Gateway to Science anticipates the delivery of *Sun, Earth, Universe* upon completion of their new facility.

Gateway to Science is located in the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex, 1810 Schafer Street, and is open Monday through Thursday, noon to 7 PM., Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 4 years old and older. Annual memberships are also available which allow unlimited admission among other benefits.

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