

# The Tech Museum of Innovation

San Jose CA



Exhibit Design: The Tech Museum of Innovation  
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This project was awarded a 1999 International Illumination Design Award.

**TMI** is one of the premier science and technology centers in the world. Our task was to light four galleries—Life Tech, Exploration, Innovation and Communication—each developed by different in-house exhibit design/developer teams. Our goal: develop a lighting scheme that celebrates technology and integrates lighting into the exhibits while creating a visual dialogue with lighting that visibly links the four disparate galleries.

The lighting design helps to underscore the global network of technology in our daily lives. Some techniques involved the use of saturated color washes pierced by white light accents that inform and direct the eye; as well as applying a dramatic use of color and shadow to create a dynamic environment with visual interest.