

TexNET Work Plan

Year 1

- Initial advisory meeting and TexNET partner meeting in Fort Worth, attended by three representatives from each partner (month 1)
- Fabrication of exhibit sets at the Exploratorium (month 1)
- Compiling of teaching resources and development of Web resource (month 1)
- Institute 1 at Exploratorium attended by 3 representatives of each partner (month 3)
- Institute 2 at Fort Worth attended by 3 representatives from each partner (month 6)
- Exhibit sets shipped and installed at Fort Worth by Exploratorium staff (month 9)
- Exhibit-based training workshop held at Fort Worth. Co-led by Fort Worth and Exploratorium staff. Attended by three staff from each small museum (month 10)
- Exhibit sets shipped and installed by Fort Worth and Exploratorium (month 12)

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Year 2

- Three educators (two from Fort Worth, one from the Exploratorium) conduct exhibit-based training workshops at each small museum. (month 13)
- Institute 3 at Science Spectrum. Attended by 3 staff from all partners (month 14)
- Fort Worth and Exploratorium maintenance staff (one from each museum) conduct on-site routine exhibit maintenance and inspection (month 15)
- First set of Specialized Capacity-Building Workshops facilitated by Fort Worth and Exploratorium (month 18)
- Institute 4 at Laredo Children's Museum for 3 staff from all partners (month 19)
- The 5th, and final, Institute at Discovery Science Place attended by 3 staff from each partner (month 23)
- Fort Worth staff de-install and install exhibits at each museum partner (month 24)
- Evaluation of ideal conditions for sustainability.

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Year 3

- Fort Worth educators lead exhibit-based workshop at each museum (month 25)
- Fort Worth exhibit maintenance staff (two) conduct routine exhibit maintenance and inspection at each partner site (month 27)
- Second set of Specialized Capacity Building Workshops held at three small museums. Facilitated by Fort Worth and Exploratorium staff (month 30)
- Fort Worth staff de-install and install exhibits at each museum partner (month 36)
- Planning for post year 4 sustainability.

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Year 4

- Two educators from Fort Worth conduct exhibit-based training workshops at each small museum partner (month 37)
- Fort Worth staff (two) conduct exhibit maintenance and inspection (month 39)
- Third, and final, set of Specialized Capacity Building Workshops at the three local museums. Facilitated by a Fort Worth and Exploratorium staff (month 42)
- TexNET program moves into post-NSF funding phase (month 48)