

The Adler Planetarium – America’s First Planetarium – is one of 21 organizations across the nation to formally express an interest in acquiring one of NASA’s Space Shuttle Orbiters for public display.

Celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, the Adler is a world-class education and research institution actively engaging the public in science and exploration. The Adler will use the Shuttle as a focal point for inspirational experiences to captivate the imaginations of young people and motivate them to achieve educational success.

As the Midwest’s largest metropolitan area, Chicago is uniquely positioned to provide access to the Shuttle for millions of people each year. Many Shuttle program participants (astronauts, engineers, technicians and other team members) hail from the Midwest, and are eager to share their compelling stories to enhance the Orbiter experience at the Adler.

The Space Shuttle exhibition will inspire a new generation of young people to become the innovators and thinkers of tomorrow, and will be an exciting and educational new attraction for residents and visitors alike.