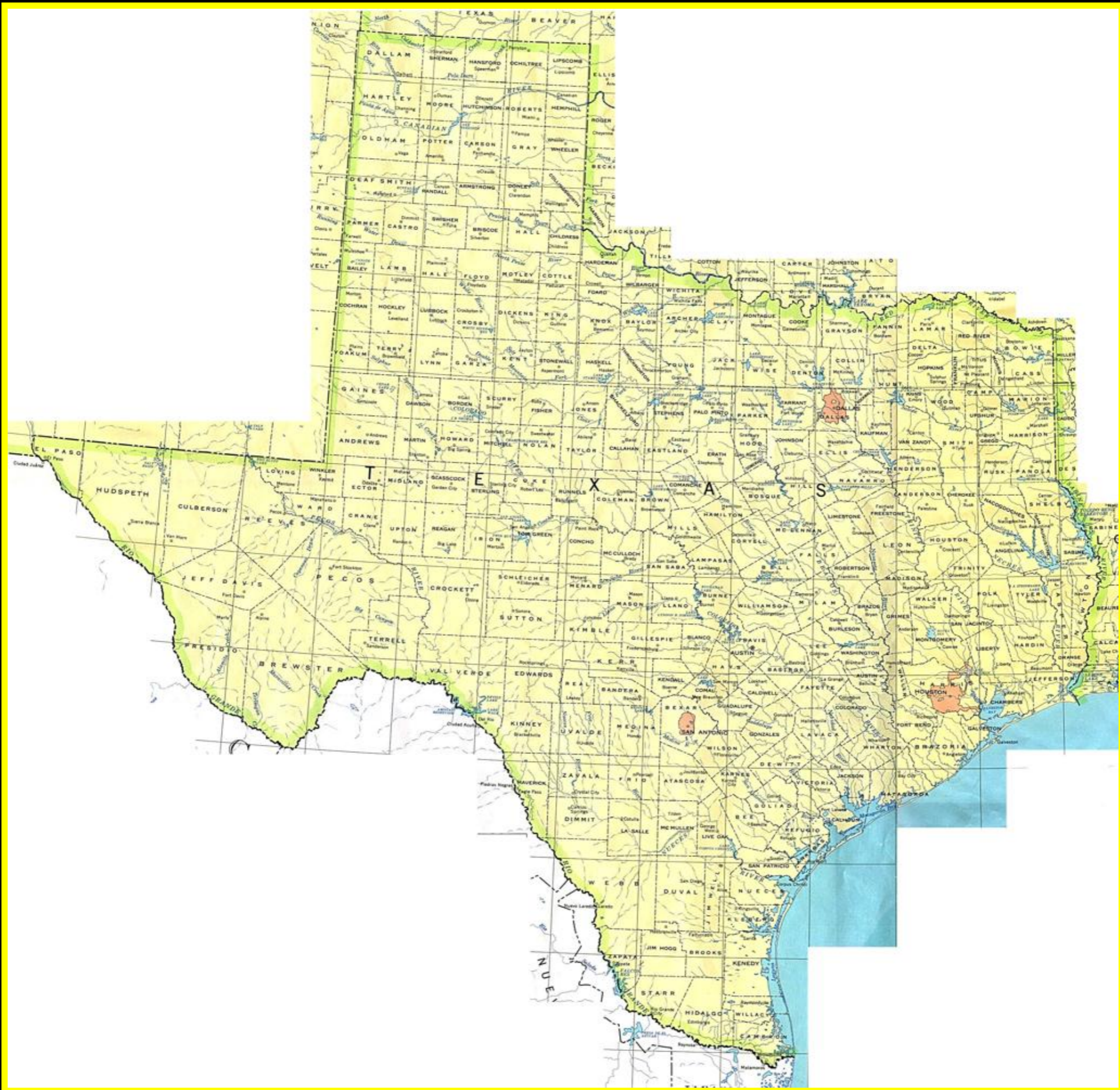




CAISE Convening: November 17 & 18
TexNET: Years 1-4 + 1

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Exploratorium



★ **Partner Museums**

International

- Ciencia Viva,
Lisbon, Portugal
- Explor@dome
Paris, France
- Phaeno
Wolfsburg, Germany
- Museo de las Ciencias
Valencia, Spain
- Museo Interactivo Mirador
Santiago, Chile
- Sony ExploraScience
Beijing, China
- Sony ExploraScience
Tokyo, Japan

United States

- ExNET**
- Discovery Center
Springfield, MO
 - Don Harrington Discovery Center
Amarillo, TX
 - Fort Worth Museum of Science
and History
Fort Worth, TX
 - GWIZ
Sarasota, FL
 - Louisiana Tech University
Ruston, LA
 - Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
San Diego, CA
 - Science Museum Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, OK
 - SpectrUM Discovery Area
Missoula, MT

Exploratorium Exhibit Network



Tapping into existing networks

● **Other Exhibit Locations**

International

- Bangkok, Thailand
- Belfast, Ireland
- Bogota, Columbia
- Bremen, Germany
- Brest Cédex, France
- Bristol, England
- Budapest, Hungary
- Cairo, Egypt
- Calgary, Canada
- Canberra, Australia
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Guatemala
- Hamilton, Bermuda
- Hellerup, Denmark
- Kobe, Japan
- Kuwait, Kuwait
- Lisbon, Portugal
- London, England
- Mechelen, Belgium
- Mexicali, Mexico
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Moscow, Russia
- Osaka, Japan
- Paris, France
- Pirmaseng, Germany
- Rehovot, Israel
- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Rotherham, England
- Saitama, Japan
- San Sebastian, Spain
- Seoul, Korea
- Singapore, Singapore
- Södertälje, Sweden
- Taichung, Taiwan
- Taksim, Turkey
- Tallina, Estonia
- Tokyo, Japan
- Toronto, Canada
- Trieste, Italy
- Valencia, Spain
- Vancouver, Canada

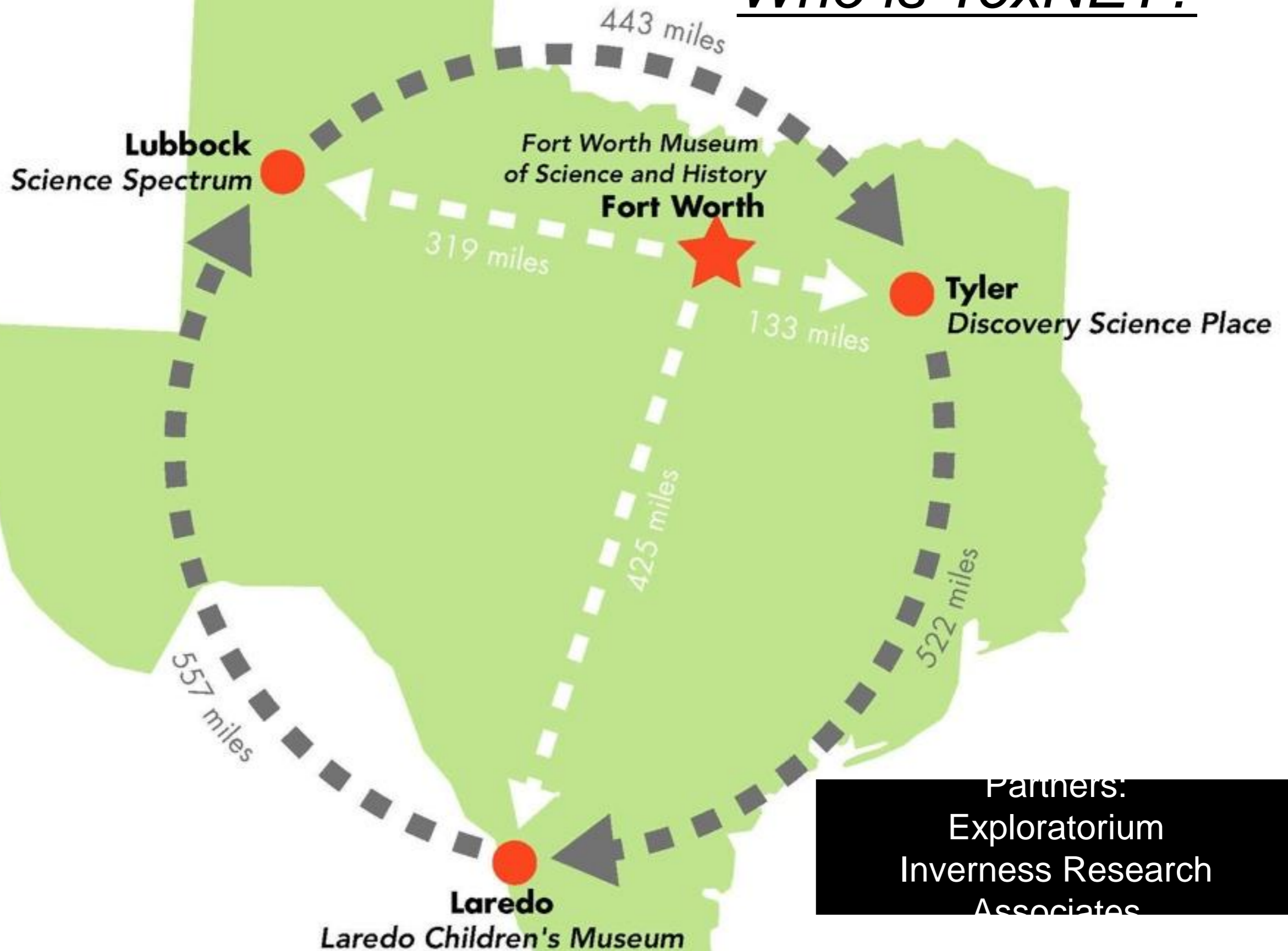
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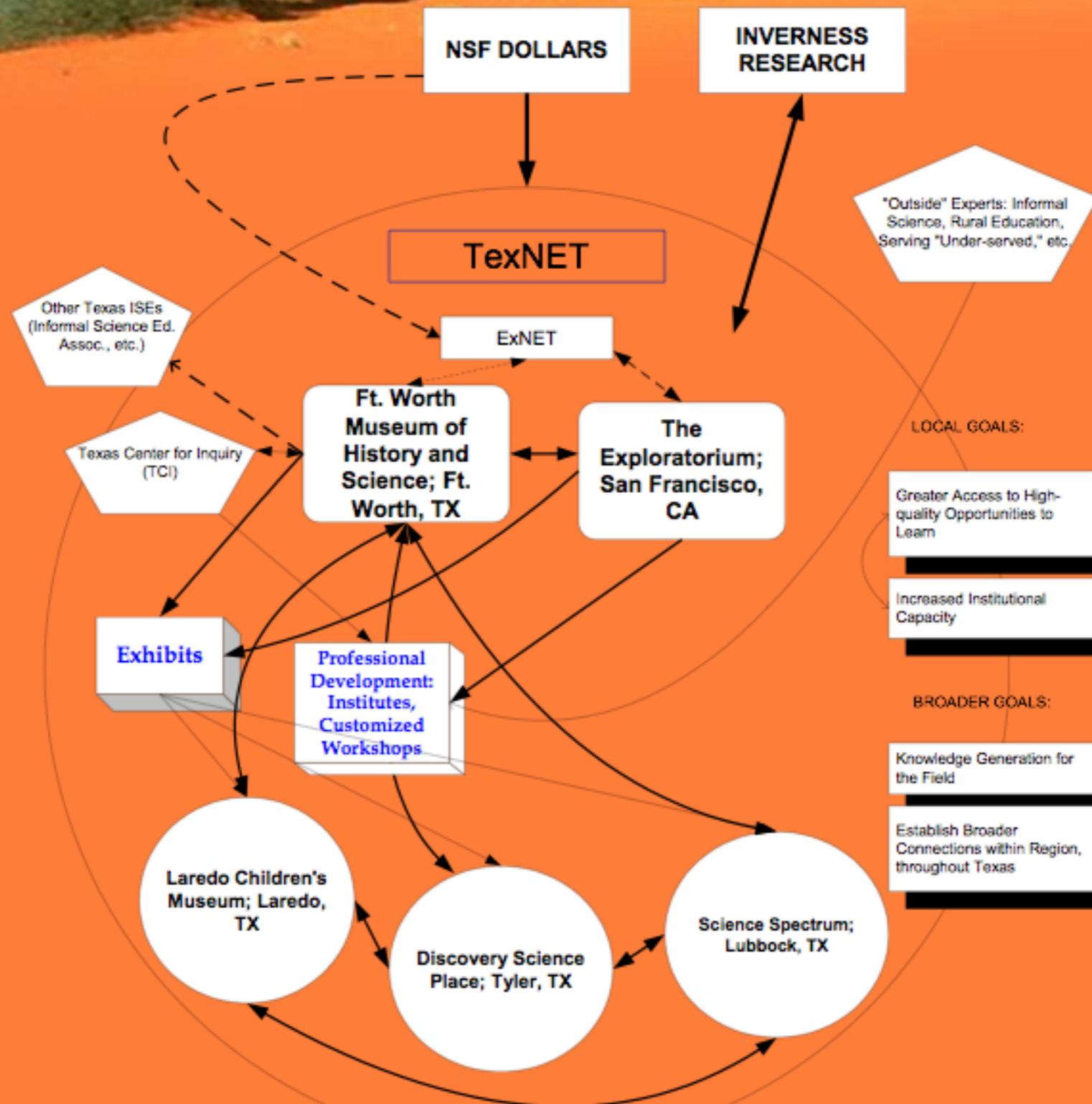
- Amarillo, TX
- Atlanta, GA
- Aurora, IL
- Baltimore, MD
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Bethesda, MD
- Bettendorf, IA
- Birmingham, AL
- Boulder, CO
- Bozeman, MT
- Burbank, CA
- Charlotte, NC
- Cleveland, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- Helena, MT
- Kansas City, MO
- Kona, HI
- Lafayette, LA
- Lakeville, CT
- Las Vegas, NV
- Little Rock, AR
- Louisville, KY
- Lubbock, TX
- Missoula, MT
- New York, NY
- Norfolk, VA
- North Conway, NH
- Oakland, CA
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Orlando, FL
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Roanoke, VA
- Rocky Mount, NC
- San Francisco, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Santa Ana, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Simi Valley, CA
- Sioux Falls, SD
- Springfield, MO
- St. Paul, MN
- Walnut Creek, CA
- Wichita, KS
- Wichita Falls, TX
- Willamette, OR

The San Francisco Exploratorium has partnerships and exhibits worldwide.

Dennis Bartels
Executive Director
March 2008

Who is TexNET?







TexNET Exhibits



WEATHER

The Exploratorium

presents a collection of exhibits

investigating the nature of

Weather.

MOTION

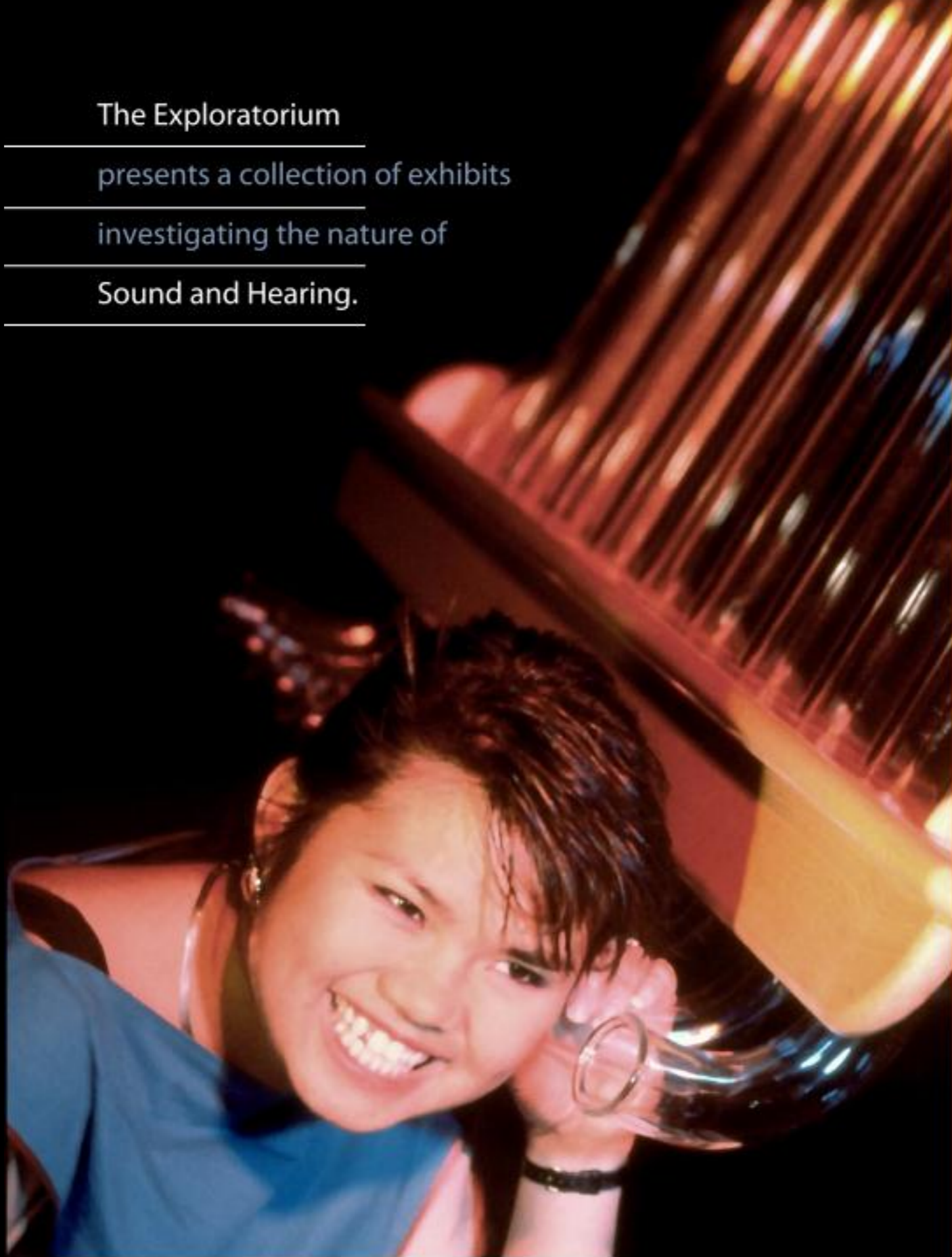
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investigating the nature of
Motion.

The Exploratorium

presents a collection of exhibits

investigating the nature of

Sound and Hearing.



SOUND AND HEARING

Who is TexNET?

Amarillo

*Don Harrington
Discovery Center*



Lubbock

Science Spectrum



Fort Worth

*Fort Worth Museum
of Science and History*



Tyler

*Discovery
Science Place*



Austin

*Austin Children's
Museum*



Houston

*Children's Museum
of Houston*



Laredo

*Laredo Children's
Museum*

Partners:
Exploratorium
Inverness Research
Associates



Contributions of TexNET

Creation of a statewide network

Personal and professional benefits to individual staff –
increased capacity

Leadership activity

Institutional benefits

Increased connections



Key Findings

State as boundary

Critical mass

Two leaders

Focus on tinkering coupled with professional development



Is TexNET a successful network?

Yes

Hub or node

Provided material resources

Provided professional development supports

Facilitated connections among museums and between museums
and outside resources/expertise

Provided opportunities for members to contribute to as well as
draw from the network



MONT NET - Mar 2009

Exhibit Sharing - 2009-2010 year
- Partner Locations
- Exhibits - EK

Annual Meeting
- Cross Marketing w/ Partner Sites (1 piece)

Network MoU →
- Determined A Common Network Theme (2009-2010 Done in place for All)
- Bring 1-3 Funding Source ideas to the annual meeting (to develop the themed exhibit sharing)
- Determine steps to maintain future - Role/future of Exhibits

Linked Exhibits Strategies for impacting state - Shared vision

100% for MontNet

Pooled Trainings
Shared Programming
Shared Exhibits
Partnered Outreach
Partnered Funding Requests

How do we develop strategies

Agreement

Shared programming
- Shared programs that utilize our unique strengths - by sharing
- exhibiting sharing - exhibit sharing
- exhibits - EK → Partnered Outreach

Agreement

**Supporting Burgeoning State Networks
- MontNET, Arkansas Discovery Network, Oklahoma Museum Network**



Is TexNET a successful network?

And no

Missed opportunities for sharing, learning more about each other
Parent/child dynamic