



Smithsonian Institution Visitor's Center Renovation

Barro Colorado Island, Republic of Panama

STRI is a special research group under the Smithsonian Institute that is dedicated to studying rainforest ecosystems. The Barro Colorado Island research station is possibly the most significant tropical research area in the world.

In 2005, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute conducted a renovation feasibility study for a 4,000 SF Visitor's Center located on Barro Colorado Island (BCI), a man-made and virtually undeveloped research island located within Gatun Lake in the Republic of Panama.

McKinney Internacional was selected to provide full-service planning, design and construction services, including project management under a \$450,000 contract.

Because of the historic sensitivity of this project, special understanding and care is being administered throughout project phases not only to maintain existing landscape / building characteristics, but also provide a new, low-cost / maintenance facility.

