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## 3D Systems Partners With the Smithsonian on Landmark 3D Digitization Project

- 3D Printing Services And Printers To Bring Collections To Life

**ROCK HILL, South Carolina –September 24, 2012 – [3D Systems Corporation](#)**

(NYSE:DDD) announced today it has entered into a major multi-year agreement with the Smithsonian Institution to provide 3D printing services and technology. The agreement supports a Smithsonian-wide effort to strengthen collections stewardship and ensure the accessibility of its vast and diverse collections through exploring the possibilities of 3D representations.

"We are honored and excited to be part of this visionary Smithsonian initiative, to increase the visibility and accessibility of our national treasures for all," said Abe Reichental, President and CEO of 3D Systems. "The Smithsonian has shown both foresight and technological leadership in embracing the potential of 3D printing to preserve and showcase today's and tomorrow's collections, making them readily available to a global audience while demonstrating the power of 3D content-to-print in a compelling and meaningful way."

3D Systems founded additive manufacturing over 25 years ago with the invention of Stereolithography. Today the company leads the global adoption of 3D printing through continued innovation and democratization. This agreement with the Smithsonian underscores the company's commitment to place its technology, services and solutions in the hands of organizations focused on enhancing knowledge and enabling access to the power of 3D printing.

## **About 3D Systems Corporation**

3D Systems is a leading provider of 3D content-to-print solutions including 3D printers, print materials and on-demand custom parts services for professionals and consumers alike. The company also provides CAD software and plugins, and affordable consumer create-and-make printers, apps and services. Its expertly integrated solutions replace and complement traditional methods and reduce the time and cost of designing new products by printing real parts directly from digital input. These solutions are used to rapidly design, create, communicate, prototype or produce real parts, empowering customers to create and make with confidence.

More information on the company is available at [www.3DSystems.com](http://www.3DSystems.com).

## **About the Smithsonian Institution**

Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park and nine research facilities.

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