

• Purpose

- To fulfill the mandate of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Act, P.L. 108-184 (2003)
- The Act states:
 - “[Such a museum], would be dedicated to the collection, preservation, research, and exhibition of African American historical and cultural materials reflecting the breadth and depth of the experience of individuals of African decent living in the United States”

• Tier II Alternatives

- Will build upon Tier I analysis and findings
- Will address the design principles and massing parameters
- Will include:
 - A No Build Alternative
 - At least three build alternatives that reflect a full range of height and forms, including one that is consistent with existing roof heights and setbacks on the Mall

• Need

- Provide a national meeting place for all Americans to learn about the history and culture of African Americans and their contributions to and relation with every aspect of our national life
- Establish an institution that can respond to the interests and needs of diverse racial constituencies who share a common commitment to a full and accurate telling of our country’s past as we prepare for our country’s future
- Build a national venue that can serve as an educational healing space to further racial reconciliation