Purpose
• The Tier I and Tier II Purpose and Need statements are consistent. The Tier II Draft EIS addresses construction and operation of the NMAAHC on the approved site.

• To fulfill the mandate of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Act, P.L. 108-184 (2003) to construct a world class building for a museum “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 descent living in the United States”

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

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