

The *San José TechGlobe* project proposes the creation of a culturally rich, distinguishable space that will transform the region through an iconic feature. Capturing the spirit of innovation and inspiration, the *San José TechGlobe* icon is designed as a uniquely “floating” artistically and aesthetically-pleasing sphere – 150 feet in diameter. Rising majestically above the ground and resting on a steel structure skybridge, the *TechGlobe* is linked to both the Globe Center and Advanced Technology Interactive Education Buildings.

The *TechGlobe* will be constructed as a lightweight steel structure with an exterior skin composed of vibrant aluminum panels in two colors. The top portion will consist of *classic antique gold fog* panels, representing the bright future of humanity, stimulated by technological advancement, while the lower half will consist of *classic moss fog* panels – the light green color blending with the surrounding natural environment of the site.

The iconic *TechGlobe* will house three main levels. Two observation floors are located at levels 75’ and 165’ with bridges for access to view the sphere’s internal artistic design and access to windows overlooking the city. At night, in accordance with the recommended lighting, aviation and environmental guidelines, the sphere’s diagonal panels will be softly lit, utilizing net zero energy approaches including solar panels.

The skybridge built from steel trusses will be connected to the Globe Center and Advanced Technology buildings which provide structural support for the *TechGlobe*. Additionally, the buildings serve as placemaking activity hubs to spur economic development, community vitality and enhanced social life. The Globe Center Building will include a skylight atrium, rental suites for high-tech companies, international technology exhibits, gift shop, café, restaurant and motorized vehicles for use throughout the *TechGlobe*. An outdoor plaza and shops area will be built under the existing trees. The Advanced Technology Building will house a Children’s Museum surrounded with outdoor green areas, splash fountain and amphitheater. Both buildings will serve the park and neighborhood.

In responding to the call to create a landmark icon and to activate the site, this proposal seeks to incorporate the future vision for San José and the forthcoming Google city. The *TechGlobe* will acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments society has made in technology while honoring social interactions in culturally and environmentally rich spaces. This proposed design envisions transformational opportunities for the region as the *San José TechGlobe* will become a powerful, inspirational, revolutionary icon to attract visitors from across the world.