



## THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

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### DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

#### Designer Recommendation

Project: UTIA CVM Community Practice Clinic (25/26)  
UT Institute of Agriculture  
SBC No. 540/001-01-2026

Category: Minor

Total Budget: \$3,600,000

MACC: \$2,640,000

Designer Fee: \$219,098

Project Approved: May 14, 2026

Renovation of a portion of the Publications and Services Building to accommodate the relocation of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Community Practice Clinic.

#### 1. Tinker Ma, LLC

Tinker Ma has cited experience with both animal care clinics and hospitals as well as other medical facilities in Tennessee and North Carolina. These projects have a similar scope to what is needed on this one. They have performed well on previous projects and work well with The University. They are qualified and have provided a full-service team for this work. Their consultants include Facility Systems Consultants, LLC (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, & Fire Protection), Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC (Civil), and Wallace Design Collective, P.C. (Structural). Tinker Ma, LLC is located in Chattanooga, TN.

#### 2. The Benefield Richters Company

Benefield Richters has cited experience with animal wellness and vet clinics as well as other medical clinics. The work shows a similar scope for other private and municipal project types. They have performed well on previous projects and have served as one of the campus on-call consultants. They have provided good service to UT, and their team is qualified, experienced, and have worked together previously. Their consultants will be Albert F.G. Bedinger Consulting Engineers P.C. (Mechanical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection), Vreeland Engineers, Inc. (Electrical), and RBA Structural Engineering, LLC (Structural). The Benefield Richters Company is located in Knoxville, TN.

#### 3. Cope Associates, Inc.

Cope has worked on a wide range of UT projects including work in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The work cited includes various projects and work which has components similar to what is needed on this project. Their team is qualified, and their consultants include Ardurra Group, Inc. (Civil) and I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc. (Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, & Electrical Engineering). Cope Associates, Inc. is located in Knoxville, TN.

A total of 12 firms submitted letters of interest. Other firms submitting on this project are as follows:

Firm Name	Location
The Architecture Collaborative, LLC	Knoxville, TN
Collaborative Design Services, LLC	Nashville, TN

Design Innovation Architects, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
The Lewis Group Architects, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
MBI Companies, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
Sanders/Pace Architecture, LLC	Knoxville, TN
Smee Busby Architects, P.C.	Knoxville, TN
Southern Architecture Workshop, LLC	Franklin, TN
Wold Architects, Inc.	Brentwood, TN



## Designer Recommendations

Project:	TTU Student Event Center (SBC 5/14/26)
Category:	Capital Maintenance
Total Budget:	\$63,770,000.00
MACC:	\$50,554,350.00
Designer Fee:	\$ 2,699,830.00
SBC Project No:	166/011-01-2026

Project Scope: Construct a Student Event Center that will house the university bookstore, a satellite food court, banquet hall, conference rooms, student government space, large gathering spaces to support the meeting spaces, outdoor terraced seating, and all related work.

### 1. Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

All consultant project examples included in the proposal are highly relevant and demonstrate experience directly applicable to the TTU project. The proposal emphasizes a client-focused, campus-led design approach, reflecting a collaborative philosophy that has been demonstrated through the lead designer's previous higher education and campus project experience. Example projects illustrate familiarity with the program requirements, student engagement goals, and the importance of reinforcing school spirit within the campus environment. The proposal also provides evidence that the design team has thoroughly studied both the project site and the specific needs of TTU, incorporating project-specific diagrams, observations, design thoughts, and insights tailored to the University. The team's approach emphasizes ongoing owner engagement and feedback throughout the design and delivery process to ensure alignment with university goals and expectations. An in-house cost consulting team will support budgeting and cost management efforts throughout the project. The proposed team also includes technology and A/V consultants, along with a food service consultant to address specialized project components. Additionally, WBA commits to providing consistent project management leadership from project kickoff through closeout, supporting continuity, communication, and accountability throughout the duration of the project.

### 2. Bauer Askew Architecture, pllc

The referenced projects demonstrate the team's ability to successfully integrate modern architectural elements within the established architectural character of the campus. The proposed team members also bring the advantage of prior collaboration on these projects, supporting a cohesive and efficient design process. The team includes specialized consultants for event space planning and lighting design, as well as dedicated Food Service, Specialty Lighting, and AV consultants to support project-specific needs. The proposal emphasizes a commitment to providing detailed cost estimates at each phase of the project to support budget transparency and informed decision making. The team also highlights its extensive familiarity with the TTU campus, including prior experience designing projects that contribute to campus identity, reinforcing TTU's preferred architectural language, and creating focal-point buildings within the campus environment. Key firm personnel and consultant resumes, including anticipated time commitments, are included within the RFQ submission. Many of the proposed team members and consultants have previously worked with TTU on successful campus projects.

### 3. McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Inc.

The firm demonstrates strong experience with projects of similar scope and complexity, with a clear emphasis on higher education work within its overall portfolio. There is strong alignment between MHM's proposed team members and the example projects provided, indicating that the personnel assigned to the project have relevant and directly applicable experience. The proposal states that the firm has experience working within a Modified Georgian architectural context and intends to balance TTU's traditional campus architectural language with appropriate contemporary design elements. This approach reflects an understanding of the University's aesthetic expectations while allowing for modern functionality and design expression. The proposed team also includes several specialty consultants to support key project components, including an independent cost estimator, an AV designer, and a food service consultant. These additions demonstrate a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to project planning and delivery.

#### **A total of 16 firms submitted Letters of Interest for this project.**

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Allen & Hoshall	Chattanooga, TN
Anecdote, PLC	Nashville, TN
Bauer Askew Architecture, pllc	Nashville, TN
Centric Architecture	Nashville, TN
Cope Architecture	Knoxville, TN
Culture Architecture and Design, PLLC	Nashville, TN
Design Innovation Architects, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
Gilbert McLaughlin, Casella Architects, plc	Nashville, TN
Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood (GMC)	Nashville, TN
Johnson Johnson Crabtree Architects, P.C.	Nashville, TN
MBI Companies Inc.	Chattanooga, TN
McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
Moody Nolan	Nashville, TN
Stengel Hill Architects, LLC	Brentwood, TN
Tinker MA, LLC	Chattanooga, TN
Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC	Nashville, TN

**Tennessee Technological University**  
**Student Event Center**  
Overall Evaluation & Ranking

**Qualifications & Experience**

Design Firm	Evaluator					Median	Rank
	1	2	3	4	5		
<b>WBA Architecture</b>	84.00	68.00	83.00	74.00	83.00	<b>83.00</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bauer Askew</b>	82.00	67.00	85.00	72.00	81.00	<b>81.00</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, Inc</b>	89.00	79.00	88.00	78.00	79.00	<b>79.00</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Anecdote</b>	77.00	59.00	81.00	76.00	82.00	<b>77.00</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Johnson Johnson Crabtree Architects, PC</b>	70.00	76.00	80.00	71.00	85.00	<b>76.00</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Moody Nolan</b>	77.00	75.00	86.00	70.00	75.00	<b>75.00</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Centric Architecture</b>	78.00	63.00	74.00	67.00	77.00	<b>74.00</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Allen &amp; Hoshall</b>	72.00	55.00	73.00	71.00	74.00	<b>72.00</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gilbert McLaughlin Casella Architects, PLC</b>	74.00	65.00	70.00	59.00	70.00	<b>70.00</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Tinker MA</b>	67.00	46.00	67.00	49.00	69.00	<b>67.00</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Cope Architecture</b>	62.00	59.00	76.00	65.00	71.00	<b>65.00</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>MBI Companies</b>	60.00	55.00	82.00	68.00	65.00	<b>65.00</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Goodwyn Mills Cawood</b>	66.00	51.00	70.00	56.00	63.00	<b>63.00</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Design Innovation Architects</b>	60.00	62.00	75.00	61.00	69.00	<b>62.00</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Stengel-Hill</b>	61.00	43.00	72.00	54.00	58.00	<b>58.00</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Culture Architecture</b>	27.00	44.00	67.00	43.00	51.00	<b>44.00</b>	<b>16</b>

Median	71.0	60.5	75.5	67.5	72.5	71.0
Average	69.1	60.4	76.8	64.6	72.0	69.4
High	89.0	79.0	88.0	78.0	85.0	83.0
Low	27.0	43.0	67.0	43.0	51.0	44.0
Difference	62.0	36.0	21.0	35.0	34.0	39.0

**Designer Evaluation Summary**

Project: Ocoee River State Park Boat Launch Ramp Replacement  
 Agency: Department of Environment & Conservation  
 Category: Minor  
 SBC Project No.: 126/122-01-2026  
 Project Approved By: SBC  
 Project Approval Date: 04.09.2026  
 Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00  
 Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC): \$2,475,000.00  
 Designer Fee: \$206,503.00  
 Project Description: Replace existing boat launch ramp and all required related work.

RANKING	FIRM NAME
1)	<b>Orchard, Hiltz &amp; McCliment, Inc</b> - Firm submitted a well-qualified project team with experience on similarly-scoped projects; provided a project approach specific to this project.
2)	<b>Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC</b> - Submittal showcased firm's experience working on similar projects and with State; project approach is specific to project.;
2)	<b>Reedy &amp; Sykes Architecture and Design, LLC</b> - Firm is well-qualified and has vast experience working with Agency.

Designers submitting a Letter of Interest:

SOLICITED FIRMS	LOCATION
<b>Crunk Engineering, LLC</b>	Knoxville, TN
<b>Orchard, Hiltz &amp; McCliment, Inc</b>	Nashville, TN
<b>Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC</b>	Chattanooga, TN
<b>Reedy &amp; Sykes Architecture and Design, LLC</b>	Elizabethton, TN



**Designer Recommendations**

Project: JSCC McWherter Center Updates  
 Category: Standard  
 Total Budget: \$ 7,580,000  
 MACC: \$ 6,792,000  
 Designer Fee: \$ 522,970  
 SBC Project No: 166/019-01-2026  
 SBC/OSA Approval: 04/09/2026

Update and repair building envelope and interior renovations. Work includes replacement of exterior facade, window replacement, and architectural improvements. Interior renovations to support programmatic reconfigurations, and mechanical/electrical modifications throughout the facility.

**1. 4FDesign, PC**

This firm had a good depth of relevant project experience, including multiple complex higher-education renovations for TBR institutions and direct experience on the JSCC campus. The proposed team demonstrated strong continuity between example projects and the staff assigned to this project. Their submission conveyed a clear understanding of renovation complexities in occupied campus environments, supported by a thorough and well-structured schedule.

**2. ANF Architects, Inc.**

This firm had a strong portfolio of higher-education renovations and additions, including TCAT and university facilities comparable in scope and complexity. The proposed staff have extensive experience working together on similar projects, and the roles were well defined.

**3. UrbanA RCH Associates, P.C.**

This firm’s portfolio exhibited good alignment with the McWherter project through demonstrated experience in both interior renovations and exterior/envelope upgrades on TBR and State-funded projects. Work included current and completed TBR and similar higher ed projects. The consultants were clearly listed and have TBR/higher ed experience.

**A total of 11 firms submitted Letters of Interest for this project:**

Firm Name	Location
4FDesign, PC	Memphis
A2H, Inc.	Memphis
ANF Architects, Inc.	Memphis
Clark & Associates, Architects, Inc.	Memphis
Daniels + Chandler Architects LLC *	Nashville
EOA Architects PLLC *	Nashville
Haizlip Studio, PLLC	Memphis
Katz, Binkley, Jones & Morris, Architects, Inc. *	Mt. Juliet
Southern Architecture Workshop, LLC *	Franklin
Urban ARCH Associates, P.C.	Memphis
Wold Architects, Incorporated *	Brentwood

\* Proposer was not in the West Region.