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**Request for
Qualifications
OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL (OCH)-
PEDIATRIC HEART
CENTER FACILITY**

Due Date – August 28, 2025 by
3:00pm

The University Hospitals Trust (UHT) is seeking to retain the services of a Professional Architectural Consultant (“Architectural Consultant”) for a single contract. This project will be funded using a combination of public and private funds.

Introduction:

The University Hospitals Trust is seeking qualifications from experienced architectural firms for the design of a Pediatric Heart Center located on the OU Health Science Center Campus, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The envisioned facility will be attached to the existing OU Health Children’s Hospital, span seven stories plus basement and cover approximately 200,000 gross square feet. The budget for this project is \$295 million.

Project Overview:

The Pediatric Heart Center at Oklahoma Children’s Hospital (OCH) should be designed to create the state’s only comprehensive pediatric heart center, consolidating all major pediatric cardiac services into a single, dedicated facility. This facility will serve as a comprehensive center for advanced pediatric cardiovascular care, bringing together inpatient units, operating rooms, diagnostics, imaging, and ambulatory services. The project reflects a long-term vision to make OCH the destination of choice for families in Oklahoma and beyond, offering state-of-the-art clinical care in a healing, inclusive, and patient-and-family-centered environment.

The Heart Center will support programmatic growth in areas such as pediatric heart transplantation, adult congenital heart disease, and cardiac rehab. It is envisioned as a resilient, scalable facility capable of adapting to evolving healthcare demands, while elevating the hospital’s reputation in academic medicine, recruitment, and research.

Proposed Site (E):



Specialized Program Elements:

- Inpatient Care (90 Total Cardiac Beds)
- 48 Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) beds
- 12 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) beds
- 16 Medical/Surgical beds
- 6 Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD) beds
- Surgical & Procedural Services
- 2 Pediatric Heart Operating Rooms (ORs)
- 1 Hybrid Cath/EP Operating Room
- 1 Standard Cath/EP Lab
- Dedicated Prep, Recovery, and PACU Areas
- Sterile Processing Department (CSPD), with shell space for future expansion
- Imaging Services
- 1 Cardiac MRI
- 1 Cardiac CT
- 1 Procedural CT (within OCH Main)
- 1 Interventional Radiology Suite (within OCH Main)
- Shared Recovery Space between Imaging and Surgery
- Ambulatory Clinics & Diagnostics
- 30 Exam Rooms for Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinics
- 11 Cardiac Diagnostic Testing Rooms:
- 9 Echocardiography
- 1 EKG
- 1 Stress/Exercise Testing
- Optional Fetal Cardiology Clinic
- Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Dedicated Inpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Suite
- Public-Facing Amenities
- Main Entry with Dedicated Cardiac Drop-Off
- Registration & Financial Counseling
- Welcome Lobby with Information Desk
- Coffee/Snack Kiosk
- Volunteer & Administrative Spaces

PreDesign:

The Pre-Design effort was separated into two phases. Phase 1 assessed the existing site and facilities, followed by preliminary planning, programming, and a conceptual building design. Phase 1 programming for this project has been completed and is available at the following link:

uhat.org/rfps-rfqs/rfq-260093-och-heart-center

Phase 2, which will provide greater programming detail, is currently under way and is expected to be completed by October. This complete document will be available for review and validation by the contracted architect.

Scope of Work:

The selected architectural firm will be responsible for providing comprehensive design services, including but not limited to:

- Program Validation: review and validate phase 1 and phase 2 program.
- Conceptual Design: Develop initial design concepts and space plans that meet the functional requirements of the Pediatric Heart Center.
- Architectural Drawings: Prepare detailed architectural drawings encompassing site plans, floor plans, elevations, and sections.
- Interior Design: Create interior layouts, finishes, and furnishings conducive to healing and wellbeing.
- Structural Engineering: Coordinate with structural engineers to ensure the structural integrity and safety of the building.

- MEP Systems: Design mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems tailored to the specialized needs of a heart center facility.
- Civil Engineering
- Landscape Design: Develop landscape plans that complement the architecture and promote a healing environment.
- Compliance: Ensure compliance with all relevant building codes, zoning regulations (including Capitol Medical Zoning), and healthcare industry standards (FGI).
- Construction Administration: Oversee the design process from inception to construction administration, ensuring quality and schedule adherence.
- Potential Additional Service fees include FF&E, Medical Equipment, and Donor Wall Design.

Qualification Requirements:

Interested architectural firms are requested to submit the following qualifications:

- **Firm Profile:** Provide an overview of the firm's experience, capabilities, and relevant heart centers or healthcare projects.
- **Team Composition:** Detail the key personnel who will be involved in the project, including architects, engineers, and designers.
- **Design Approach:** Describe the firm's approach to designing a heart treatment center, emphasizing patient-centered design principles and innovation.
- **Portfolio:** Include examples of previous healthcare facility projects demonstrating design excellence, adherence to cost limits, adherence to time limits, and client satisfaction.
- **References:** Furnish client references for similar projects completed within the last five years.
- **Firm Status:** Provide evidence that the firm is either a registered vendor with the State of Oklahoma or is willing to become registered in accordance with UHT requirements.

Please limit your response to 50 pages.

Timeline:

- RFQ Issuance: August 8th, 2025
- Questions due by: August 18th, 2025 by 5pm
 - Submit questions to: Tim-moone@uhat.org
- Questions and answers posted to UHAT website August 19th, 2025
 - uhat.org/rfps-rfqs/rfq-260093-och-heart-center
- Qualification Submission Deadline: **August 28th, 2025 by 3:00PM**
- Evaluation Period: August 29 - September 11, 2025
- Notification of Shortlisted Firms: September 12, 2025
- Interviews/Presentations: September 22-26, 2025
- Final Selection: September 29, 2025

Submission Instructions:

Qualifications may be submitted electronically (preferred) or in hard copy as indicated below:

- Electronically to Tim-moone@uhat.org
- OR
- Hard copy (3) with flash drive included to
 - 1000 NE 13th Street, Nicholson Tower suite 6900, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.
 - **Submission deadline: Qualifications must be received on or before August 28, 2025 by 3:00PM.** Please use "RFQ for OCH HEART CENTER" as the subject line of your email or on hard copy envelope.
 - *In the case of electronic submission, please ensure appropriate time when sending to ensure receipt of the qualifications prior to 3:00 pm on the submission deadline.*

Evaluation Criteria:

Qualifications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Firm Experience and Qualifications (**Firm Profile**) – 25 Points
- Expertise of Key Personnel (**Team Composition**) – 25 Points
- Design Innovation and Creativity (**Design Approach**) – 25 Points
- Compliance with Project Requirements (**Portfolio**) – 15 Points
- Client References and Past Performance (**References**) – 10 Points

We appreciate your interest in this project and look forward to receiving your qualifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Moone'.

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