

## **NOTICE OF RULEMAKING INTENT**

### **RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking. Notice is hereby given that the University Hospitals Trust seeks to initiate a rulemaking for the purposes of adopting and amending its administrative rules dealing with purchasing and construction, which codified in Title 753, Chapter 11 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

### **PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Provisions  
OAC 753:11-1-2 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-1-3 [AMENDED]  
Subchapter 3. Purchasing  
OAC 753:11-3-1 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-2 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-3 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-4 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-5 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-6 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-7 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-8 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-9 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-10 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-11 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-12 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-13 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-14 [REVOKEDED]  
OAC 753:11-3-15 [REVOKEDED]  
Subchapter 5. Design  
OAC 753:11-5-2 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-5-3 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-5-4 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-5-5 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-5-6 [AMENDED]  
Subchapter 7. Construction  
OAC 753:11-7-3 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-5 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-6 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-7 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-8 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-9 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-12 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-13 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-14 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-15 [AMENDED]

OAC 753:11-7-16 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-7-17 [AMENDED]  
Subchapter 9. Construction Management/At Risk  
OAC 753:11-9-2 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-9-4 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-9-6 [AMENDED]  
Subchapter 11. Best Value Methodology  
OAC 753:11-11-3 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-11-4 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-11-5 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-11-6 [AMENDED]  
Subchapter 13. Supplier Protests  
OAC 753:11-13-1 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-13-5 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-13-6 [AMENDED]  
OAC 753:11-13-7 [AMENDED]

## **SUMMARY:**

The University Hospitals Trust (“Trust”) has conducted a necessary update to its rules to better reflect current information and practices, including construction procedures. The Trust is required by law to have its internal purchasing policies reviewed and approved by the State Purchasing Director every two (2) years, pursuant to 74 O.S. § 85.39 and OAC 260:115-5-7(d). Consistent with this statutory directive, the Trust has removed certain purchasing provisions from its administrative rules which are subject to review, approval and modification from the State Purchasing Director during this process. In addition, consistent with statute, the amended administrative rules require the Trust to conduct an internal review of its purchasing policies and procedures at least annually, or as otherwise required by law. 74 O.S. § 85.39

Many of the proposed changes include minor changes to definitions which are carried throughout such as the elimination of the term “Chief Facilities Management Officer” and replacement with term “Chief Operating Officer”, consistent with the Trust's organizational structure. Additionally, the proposed rules reflect other small changes, such as clarification of requirements for the submission of electronic bids and allowing for the electronic recording of bid protest proceedings.

## **AUTHORITY:**

University Hospitals Trust has authority to initiate this permanent rulemaking pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 *et seq.*, 63 O.S. §§ 3208(A)(1), (E) and 3224.

## **COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons wishing to make written or oral comments may do so by 5:00 p.m., on January 14, 2026, at the following address: 1000 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6900, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 or by email to [randy-dowell@uhat.org](mailto:randy-dowell@uhat.org).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held to provide a means by which persons may offer suggest input on the content of the proposed rules: January 15, 2026, 10:00 AM, Samis Education Center East Boardroom, 1200 Children's Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. §§ 303 and 504, business entities are requested, if the proposed rules affect such entities, to provide in writing, a description of the probable quantitative (costs) and qualitative impact of the proposed rules, economic or otherwise, using quantifiable data to the extent possible, taking into account both short-term and long-term consequences. Business entities may submit this information in writing by 5 p.m. on January 14, 2026, to the following address: 1000 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6900, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 or by email to [randy-dowell@uhat.org](mailto:randy-dowell@uhat.org).

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of proposed rules are available at: 1000 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6900, Oklahoma City, OK 73104 or online at <https://uhat.org/administrative-rules/>.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available beginning December 8, 2025, at the same location listed above for reviewing and obtaining copies of the proposed rules.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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