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DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Approval of Designer Selection

**Project Name:** UTK Fred Brown Locker Room Renovation

**UT Project Number** 999/009-103-2026

**Designer Selected:** Wold Architects, Inc.

**Approved:**

Signed by:

*Austin Oakes*

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Austin Oakes, Associate Vice President, Department of Capital Projects

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**Designer Recommendation**

Project: UTK Fred Brown Locker Room Renovation  
 UT Knoxville  
 UT No. 999/009-103-2026

Category: Minor

Total Budget: \$500,000

MACC: \$460,000

Designer Fee: \$41,960

Project Approval Date: March 25, 2026

Renovation in the Fred Brown Residence Hall to accommodate new mail and package lockers. The project includes the relocation of walls and all related work.

1. Wold Architects, Inc.

Wold has cited experience which includes renovation work on other higher education institutions in residential halls and apartments as well as a state office building. They are licensed and qualified with staff who have worked on highlighted projects. A full-service team has been proposed with consultants I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc. (Mechanical, Electrical & IT) and The CCS Group (Cost Estimating). Wold Architects, Inc. is located in Brentwood, TN.

2. The Benefield Richters Company

Benefield Richters has cited experience including examples of work on campus as well as a Knoxville municipal project. They have provided good service to UT, and their team is qualified, experienced, and have worked together previously. Their consultants will be Bedinger Consulting Engineers (Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Energy Management), Vreeland Engineers, Inc. (Electrical), and Ross Bryan Associates, Inc. (Structural). The Benefield Richters Company is located in Knoxville, TN.

A total of 3 firms submitted letters of interest. The other firm submitting on this project is as follows:

Firm Name	Location
MBI Companies, Inc.	Knoxville, TN