

RFQ PROJECT REVIEW CONFERENCE – June 10, 2026

RFQ for Master Planning Services for UT Knoxville Research Innovation District Master Plan (25/26)

SBC No. 540/009-01-2026

MEETING AGENDA / HANDOUT

1. Introductions.
2. Attendees can send an email to designer@tennessee.edu by the end of the day today to receive RFQ Communications by email from the RFQ Coordinator including Conference Notes and RFQ Addenda.
3. Access to the RFQ via Web Page: <https://capitalprojects.tennessee.edu/real-property/requests-for-services/>
4. RFQ Review Conference
 - a. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the RFQ scope of services and contract requirements. While questions will be entertained, the oral response to any question at the conference shall be considered tentative and non-binding with regard to this RFQ.
 - b. RFQ comments may be made by email to the RFQ Coordinator by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2026.
5. Final issuance of Addenda/Comments by posting on the Web site is targeted to occur by 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026.
6. Pro Forma Task Order Agreement
7. Project background and scope of services begins on page 1 of 2.3 Project Narrative and documentation. – (Bethany's slides of property to be reviewed)
8. Areas of master planning services are listed below and in section 1.1.B.2 and detailed in Section 2.3.
 - a. Develop Campus Master Plan Components
 - b. Address and Integrate Relevant Issues
 - c. Develop Master Plan Recommendations
 - d. Compile Implementation Table and Cost
 - e. Produce Master Plan Graphics and Maps
 - f. Conduct Initial Information Gathering and Review
 - g. Achieve Anticipated Milestones and Activities in Project Execution
9. Proposal Requirements and Process, RFQ Section 2.2. Review each question and answer as simply and succinctly as possible.
10. Qualification Statement Submittal should be turned in via the assigned portal. It should not exceed 50 pages. Hyperlinks and QR Codes should not be included in any proposal. All pertinent information should be clearly and concisely documented within the 50 pages allowed.

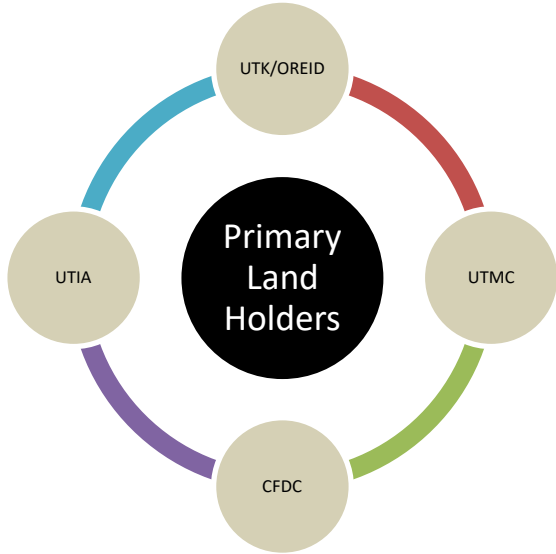
11. Evaluation Guide and Evaluation Process as in RFP Sections 1.7 Pages 16-17.
- 12. Proposal Deadline: Proposals will be received by the Owner at the assigned portal until 12:00 p.m. Eastern time on June 30, 2026.**
13. Oral presentations may be required by short listed Proposers.
 - a) Short listed Proposers will be notified of their scheduled time on July 17, 2026.
 - b) Tour of district area and facilities will be provided to short listed proposers possibly in the morning of July 29.
 - c) Presentations will be given in person on July 30, 2026.
 - d) Presentation Format will include:
 - i. 2 minutes for introduction of team and Owner representatives
 - ii. 28 minutes for presentation
 - iii. 30 minutes for questions
14. The Target date for Owner notification of all Proposers of the highest evaluated Proposer is August 4, 2026 with final award by the State Building Commission on August 13.
15. Comments and questions from attendees.

END OF MEETING AGENDA / HANDOUT

Pre-Proposal Site Overview



Partnership Mindset



University and Regional Growth Drivers:

Opportunities for the Research Park to Serve at the Highest Potential.

An integrated set of growth vectors converging across UT, ORNL, Y-12, TVA, and the broader East Tennessee innovation ecosystem — each anchored in research strength, industry pull, and translational capacity.



UT Research Growth

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Strategic plan to grow research expenditures from \$400M to \$550+M



Nuclear Renaissance

ORNL · TVA · Y-12

\$15.8B Invested in the Oak Ridge Corridor.
Spark Innovation Center creating supply chain accelerator.



Quantum Initiatives

NTT · UT · ORNL

Quantum foundry, networking testbed, and statewide quantum initiative creates broad opportunity.



Cancer Institute

NCI Designation

Pursuit of NCI-designated status — translational oncology and biotech ecosystem.



Student Engagement

Pipeline

Co-op, fellowship, and immersion pathways tied to live industry programs.



New Research Faculty

Recruitment

Key hires in convergent fields — energy, quantum, AI/computing, and life sciences.



Industry Attraction

Anchor Tenants

Strategic firms co-locating with university research and federal lab capacity.



RESEARCH PARK



Archaeological Zone

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New Park Entrance

IAMM

Building 5
Quantum Foundry

Building 6
Life Science

Innovation
South

Innovation
North

Hotel & Conf Ctr

KOC & CPH

← Airport

UTMC

UTIA

New Park Entrance: A Grand Re-Opening Moment

The new Park entrance represents a **premier branding opportunity** — a chance to formally introduce UTRP to a broader community of innovators, researchers, and partners. CFDC envisions a signature physical feature: inviting, UT-branded, and symbolic of the Park's identity as a hub for place-based innovation and research collaboration.





Site & Infrastructure

Access & Circulation

- Internal to the Peninsula and connections to UTK campus, Downtown and beyond

Utilities

- Phased needs for infrastructure and utilities improvements
- Electrical power distribution and data needs

Landscape

- Archaeology zone
- Tennessee River
- Greenway