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Approval of Designer Selection

**Project Name:** UTK Communications CCI Renovations

**UT Project Number** 999/009-120-2024

**Designer Selected:** Sanders/Pace Architecture, LLC

**Approved:**

Signed by:  
*Austin Oakes*

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**Designer Recommendation**

Project: UTK Communications CCI Renovations  
UT Knoxville  
UT No. 999/009-120-2024

Category: Minor

Total Budget: \$1,090,000

MACC: \$641,500

Designer Fee: \$60,263

Anticipated Project Approved: August 2024

Renovate COM 294/295 suite into a conference room and six offices, subdivide JEM suite into four new offices, create new CCI studio, and renovate the Media Center. All work includes power, data, lighting, HVAC, furniture, and finishes.

1. Sanders/Pace Architecture, LLC

Sanders Pace has cited experience which includes previous work in the Communications building as well as similar work for another higher education institution. They have been a good service provider, and their team is qualified, experienced, and have worked together previously. Their consultants will be I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc. (Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, & Data) and Lauderdale Design Group, Inc. (FF&E). Sanders Pace Architecture is located in Knoxville, TN.

2. Community Tectonics Architects, Inc.

Community Tectonics has cited experience which includes similar work for other Higher Education institutions. They have provided good service to UT, and their team is qualified, experienced, and have worked together previously. Their consultants will be Bender & Associates Structural Engineers, LLC (Structural), Mechanical Design Services (Mechanical), West, Welch, Reed Engineers, Inc. (Electrical), and S&ME, Inc. (Geotechnical & Environmental). Community Tectonics Architects, Inc. is located in Knoxville, TN.

3. Thomas Caldwell, Architect (Sole Proprietorship)

Thomas Caldwell has cited similar project experience on the UTK campus. They have a good working relationship with UT. Their personnel are knowledgeable and have experience working with campus personnel. Consultants include Bennett & Pless, Inc. (Structural), Facility Systems Consultants, LLC (Mechanical, Plumbing & Electrical), Z Creative Group, LLC (Interior Design), Williams and Associates, Inc. (Survey), Foundation Systems Engineering, P.C. (Geotechnical & Construction Testing), and Quantum Environmental & Engineering Services, Inc. (Hazardous Materials). Thomas Caldwell, Architect is located in Knoxville, TN.

A total of 6 firms submitted letters of interest. Other firms submitting on this project are as follows:

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kaatz, Binkley, Jones & Morris, Architects, Inc. (KBJM)	Mount Juliet, TN
MBI Companies, Inc.	Knoxville, TN
The Architecture Collaborative, LLC	Knoxville, TN