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University Health System

Bexar County Hospital District

An update on the construction projects at University Hospital and University Health Center - Downtown

And the winner is...

Architect & Engineer selected for University Hospital Project

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What's happening downtown?

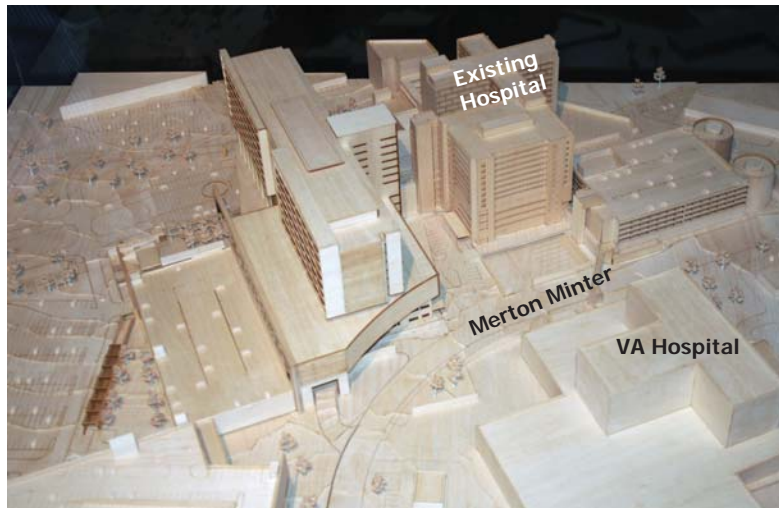
The nationally-acclaimed architectural/engineering (A/E) firm of Perkins + Will, partnered with the local companies of Garza/Bomberger, RVK and Richard Sanchez, will design the new hospital tower to be constructed at University Hospital.

The firm was selected at a special meeting of the University Health System Board of Managers on May 19. Perkins + Will was chosen from the three finalists selected to participate in a design challenge earlier this spring.

Exceeding expectations

"I was very impressed with all of the submissions," said University Health System President/CEO George B. Hernández, Jr. "I was most impressed with the selection process itself which enabled the three firms to showcase their talent and created synergy between University Hospital's operational and medical staff with the facilities development staff."

The submissions were evaluated by a team which included University Health



The Perkins + Will model shows the proposed positioning of new tower in front of the existing hospital to maximize space and energy efficiency.

System executives, nurses and other key staff members, as well as physicians from the UT Health Science Center.

"The process allowed us to be engaged with the three finalists so they could convey more than just their qualifications, but actually provide something tangible to be judged," explained Mark Webb, University Health System's vice president of facilities development and project management. "When we started a few months ago I had great expectations and my expectations were exceeded.

More than just a pretty facade

For the design challenge, the firms were

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On April 28, the Board of Managers approved four firms to compete in the University Health Center - Downtown Design Challenge:

- Anshen + Allen (with local firms Lake Flato, Alamo Architects, O'Neill Conrad Oppelt and Lopez Salas

- Marmon Mok and Chesny Morales with HOK

- Page Southerland Page

- RTKL (with local firms Overland Partners and Paul Anthony)

The evaluation committee process is expected to be completed by June 16 and a recommendation taken to the Board of Managers on June 23.

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asked to develop a physical planning solution for the new tower, that stayed within budget and was based on the space planning report finalized earlier this year. Their objective was to maximize efficiencies, optimize connectivity to the existing hospital, provide flexibility for the future, and incorporate new technologies, industry standards and best practices. They were also asked to address patient safety, wayfinding, cultural sensitivity, energy conservation (including our desire to achieve LEED Gold Certification), quality space for staff and parking. The three firms were also asked to explain how they will stage the project, and minimize disruptions during demolition and construction.

In all, the evaluation team reviewed more than 250 factors associated with these operational, site planning, construction and sustainability issues. The charge given to the committee was to "pick a team, not a particular scheme or design, that best listened to our concerns and goals - and that provided solutions that best addressed our needs."

Now that the challenge is concluded, the team will work with Perkins + Will to consider incorporating elements from the other two submissions and make additional changes to achieve the design that works best for our needs.



(from left) University Health System president/ CEO George Hernández, University Hospital trauma medical director Ronald Stewart, MD, and incoming UT Health Science Center president William Henrich, MD, discussing the Perkins + Will model.



Artist rendition of the front of the tower proposed by Perkins + Will . Merton Minter is the street on the right.

Have a question?

Here is one we hear frequently:

Why is it called the Trauma Tower?

When this project was first announced to our community, it was very important to educate people about our unique and lifesaving role as a Level I trauma center. No one is immune from the risk of traumatic injury - and at their time of need - everyone expects to have a high level of trauma services immediately available for themselves and their loved ones. That is an important goal of the new tower.

University Hospital is the lead Level I trauma center for Bexar County and all of South Texas. While some people mistakenly think the "trauma center" at our hospital is located in the emergency department, in reality, the trauma center is the entire hospital.

Trauma patients are first brought to the emergency department for evaluation but diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services for trauma patients cross over many departments including radiology, laboratory, operating rooms, vascular, adult and pediatric intensive care units, 7th floor general surgery, the Hartman Pavillion, the Janey Briscoe Children's Center, Reeves Rehabilitation Center, as well trauma and orthopaedic follow-up clinics.

While trauma patients in the future will benefit greatly from the expanded and enhanced services, so will all patients. The new trauma tower, in reality, is a new hospital - equipped to help nurses and physicians across all medical/ surgical specialties provide excellent care for their patients.

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