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**UC Transformation Project Selects Design and Construction Firms**

A bid review committee of faculty, staff, and students recently selected a design firm and a construction firm for the University Center Transformation Project. A partnership of WHR and WTW was chosen as the architecture and engineering firm for the project, and Tellepsen was chosen to be the construction firm.

WHR, the architect of record for the University Center Transformation Project, has strong ties to the state of Texas and the UH Community. Based in downtown Houston, WHR currently employs UH graduates, including two who will be deeply involved with this project. Some of the firm's recent projects include academic and performance spaces at Sam Houston State University, the UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, and most recently, UH's new Stadium Parking Garage, set to break ground in the near future.

WTW, the design architect, has a national portfolio of successful work in both renovation and new construction in student unions and university centers. They bring with them award-winning design principles and exceptional talent. Some of their recent projects include student unions and student activities centers at Louisiana State University, the University of Colorado, the University of California - Irvine, and the University of Texas at Austin.

Tellepsen, the construction firm, brings with it over one hundred years of experience in the Houston construction market, as well as a legacy of bringing in projects on time and under budget. One of their current projects is the construction of the University of Houston Health and Biomedical Sciences Building. All three firms promise to bring with them Tier 1 talent to transform the current University Center into a next-generation facility.

**More about the UC Transformation Project:** The transformed University Center complex will be an anchor for the University community as the provider of choice for programs and services on campus. The first destination for key aspects of the UH experience—including lounge space, retail, dining, and so much more—The New UC will be the home away from home for the student body. A building distinctly unique to the UH Campus and host to our comprehensive array of student organizations, The New UC will be a beacon for student life and student success—and the pride of the Cougar Nation.

