

# UCF selects downtown-campus team, including SchenkelShultz



Proposed drawing of UCF downtown Orlando campus (University of Central Florida)



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**T**he University of Central Florida selected a team including SchenkelShultz Architecture, Robert A.M. Stern Architects and Skanska USA Building Inc. to build its \$60 million downtown campus.

Eight teams had been finalists under consideration and part of the team selected was known for its work at the campus. Orlando-based SchenkelShultz Architecture has designed several buildings that flank Memory Mall on the school's main campus — the Global UCF building, Health & Public Affairs I, and classrooms for

ROTC.

"Our team is excited to create an innovative campus in downtown Orlando that transforms the urban city center and embraces the neighboring Parramore community," J. Thomas Chandler, president of the firm, said in a news release.

The team will be responsible for the 165,000-square-foot academic building, which will be the centerpiece of the new campus UCF. Valencia College will share the facility.

The team also will help to renovate UCF's existing Center for Emerging Media, which is home to several academic programs, including the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy — the No. 1-ranked graduate video game school in North America.

SchenkelShultz will do the design work, using its experience on projects at the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Daytona State College and Eastern Florida State College.

Robert A.M. Stern Architects has done planning work at Harvard University in Cambridge, Drexel University in Philadelphia and the University of Connecticut at Hartford.

Skanska USA Building, Inc., will oversee construction. It has completed works for the Science & Technology Building at Florida Polytechnic University, as well as projects at the University of Florida, University of Miami, Hillsborough Community College and Pasco Hernando State College.

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