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## **DEIRDRE HAWKINS JOINS EQUIPMENT COLLABORATIVE**

**Deirdré Hawkins, MBA**, has joined Equipment Collaborative as **Equipment Planner**.



With 14 years of experience combining her architectural background with patient care, Deirdré excels in integrating patient and staff needs with architectural and interior design. Prior to joining Equipment Collaborative, she served as Senior Project Manager in Patient Care Facilities at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

“Understanding the patient is priority number one when planning hospitals,” stated Lisa Charrin, AIA, ACHA, President of Equipment Collaborative. “Deirdré’s extensive experience in managing complex renovation projects to integrate latest technology such as pharmacy robotics, is a valuable asset for our Ohio State University Cancer Hospital and Critical Care Tower project team.”

Deirdré holds an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston Bauer College of Business and a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Howard University.

Equipment Collaborative, Inc. is a leading provider of equipment planning, procurement, installation and relocation management services for nation and international healthcare and research laboratory facilities. Headquartered in Houston, the firm’s recent projects include The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston; Children’s Medical Center in Dallas; Cook Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth; Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

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