Seeing the need for an outpatient clinic on Columbia’s north side, University of Missouri Health Care purchased a 6.59 acre site in the Somerset Village Development and selected SOA as the architect. The site is located just west of Battle High School, which SOA designed with DLR in 2008.

SOA led MU Health Care through an extensive programming process to help them identify and prioritize which spaces and services their budget could afford. The construction documents also included alternates, so that certain spaces could be priced individually and accepted if bids came in under budget, or omitted if too expensive.

The resulting building, called “Battle Medical Building,” largely houses Family Community Medicine, Obstetric clinics and Pediatric clinics, but also includes Physical Therapy and Psychiatry. Ancillary healthcare services, such as a drive-thru and retail pharmacy, laboratory, and basic radiology, are also accommodated.

The exterior design is similar, though smaller in scale, to MU’s South Providence Medical Building (designed by SOA in 2012). Battle Medical Building’s entry includes the same large, drop-off canopy, welcoming patients and creating brand continuity. Also critical to the exterior design was the anticipation of how the building would look from the newly constructed roundabout and planned Battle Avenue extension as the currently undeveloped area of town becomes more populated.

Design progressed through an aggressive schedule and was greatly aided by SOA’s use of Enscape software, which created realistic renderings early in the design process so the client could make informed design decisions more quickly. The building is currently under construction and expected to be occupied in fall 2020.