The Manhattan Construction Company was selected by the Oklahoma State University for this 140,000 SF project because of its understanding of the school’s mission and the importance of relationships, especially with the University. Oklahoma State University’s mission is to prepare its students for a world that is based on the strength and success of the relationships they forge as individuals and as companies and the belief that academic excellence is strengthened by interpersonal prowess.

With a construction budget of $59.3 M, this unique project, the New Business Building, posed a number of challenges for the Project Team, including design, construction and timely delivery. Warehouse prefabrication of the 73 dormers on the highly visible roofline demanded consistent quality and appearance and were erected as a completed assembly by tower crane.

The majority of classrooms and student collaboration spaces are located in the basement of the building. To prevent these highly interactive spaces from being dark and gloomy, the design team introduced 26 skylights, all installed on the ground-level floor to provide natural light into the basement. The skylights selected are rated for high traffic pedestrian areas, as students and faculty walk over each skylight on their way to class or offices.

By collaborating closely with a high performing team, the Manhattan Construction Company delivered the New Business Building in alignment with the University’s critical activities such as academic calendar, key testing dates (i.e., semester final exams), in consideration of the football and basketball program schedules, and allowed Oklahoma State University to begin classes as planned.