



TIME EXTENSION Invitation for Subcontractors to Prequalify

University of Connecticut Innovation Partnership Building
Storrs, CT (Project #901661)

Skanska USA Building Inc, the Construction Manager, is currently prequalifying subcontractors for work to be performed as part of the **University of Connecticut Innovation Partnership Building** located on the Storrs Campus (University of Connecticut Project #901661).

Project Description: The Innovation Partnership Building will serve as the cornerstone project in the University of Connecticut's new Technology Park, located directly to the North of the Storrs campus. The building will offer shared laboratories containing highly specialized instrumentation and equipment for use by industry scientists and business entrepreneurs, as they work side-by-side with University of Connecticut researchers. The building will feature incubation space and shared laboratories with highly specialized instrumentation and equipment for use by industry engineers and scientists alongside faculty researchers, students and manufacturing entrepreneurs. The total estimated direct cost value of the project is +/- \$70,000,000.

Building Construction: The project is a three story 110,000 GSF structural steel framed building that includes, Sitework, Landscaping, Site Concrete, Concrete, Paving, Concrete Caissons, Architectural Precast, Masonry, Structural Steel, Miscellaneous Metals, Millwork, Rough Carpentry, Roofing, Spray Fireproofing, Dampproofing, Waterproofing, Curtain Wall, Storefront, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Coiling Doors & Grilles, Metal Wall Panels, Gypsum Wallboard, Acoustical Ceilings, Painting, Resilient Flooring, Carpet, Ceramic Tile, Poured Terrazzo, Fluid Applied Flooring, Toilet Partitions, Signage, Visual Display Boards, Lockers, Loading Dock Equipment, Window Treatments, Fire Protection, Security, Fire Alarm, Structured Cabling, Audio Visual, Elevators, Specialty Hoists & Cranes, Plumbing, HVAC, HVAC Controls, Testing & Balancing, Electrical and Final Cleaning.

Project Labor Agreement (PLA): The project will utilize a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The intent of the PLA is to: 1) contribute to Connecticut's economic growth and competitiveness; 2) ensure that the parties meet their mutual objectives to construct this project so as to optimize quality, cost effectiveness, timely completion, and community inclusiveness; 3) employ unemployed building trades workers from the Greater Hartford and eastern Connecticut regions; 4) increase the number of skilled construction workers from the region's residents and returning veterans to meet the requirements of this project and the industry generally; and 5) encourage the bidding for and the awarding of work to qualified small, local, and minority/woman-owned contractors in the construction business. A copy of the PLA Agreement will be available to all perspective subcontractors prior to the project bidding. All subcontractors selected for the project will be required to sign the PLA regardless of whether they are a prime or lower tier contractor. A Project Labor Agreement (PLA), also known as a Community Workforce Agreement, is a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project. Before any workers are hired on the project, construction unions have bargaining rights to determine the wage rates and benefits of all employees working on the particular project and to agree to the provisions of the agreement. The terms of the agreement apply to all contractors and subcontractors who successfully bid on the project, and supersede any existing collective bargaining agreements.

Construction Schedule: The anticipated construction start date is December 2014 and the anticipated construction completion date is March 2017.

Skanska Subcontractor Prequalification (Time Extension): All subcontractors interested in bidding on this project must be prequalified by Skanska up to the bid value. Bids received from Subcontractors who have not been Skanska prequalified will not be accepted and will be returned to the contractor unopened. ***The period for All Skanska "Subcontractor Prequalification Applications" to be submitted has been extended from September 2, 2014 to September 29, 2014.***



DAS Prequalification: In addition to Skanska Prequalification, The DAS Contractor Prequalification Program (C.G.S §4a-100) requires all bidders to prequalify before they can bid on a contract or perform work pursuant to a contract for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or any other public work by the state or a municipality, estimated to cost more than \$500,000 and which is funded in whole or in part with state funds, except a public highway or bridge project or any other construction project administered by the Department of Transportation. DAS prequalification is required for all work in excess of \$500,000 regardless of tier. A prospective bidder whose bid does not exceed \$500,000 is not required to be pre-qualified by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services for the classification of work that they are bidding. For additional information on becoming a DAS prequalified contractor in the State of Connecticut, please visit the following link: www.das.ct.gov.

The purpose of the prequalification process is to ascertain if your firm possess the necessary relevant project experience, financial resources, and commitment to safety and quality to ensure performance on this project. Upon submission, your prequalification information will be reviewed by Skanska. If approved, your company will be qualified to be considered for this project.

In order to complete our prequalification form, visit our project team site at <http://partners.skanska.com/usa/projects/UCONNIB/Prequal>. Here you will find our prequalification FORM that can be downloaded in Microsoft Word or PDF format. The completed form must be saved as a PDF file and returned to Bethel Hairston @ Bethel.Hairston@skanska.com.

If you have any problems accessing our online information, please contact Bethel Hairston @ 203.859.7700 for assistance.

Prequalification / Subcontractor Outreach Event: *No additional subcontractor outreach events will be offered at this time.*

Bid Securities: Bidders shall note that Bid Securities are required for all Bid Packages over \$50,000 in value. For those bid packages that require a bid security, each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security payable to Skanska USA Building Inc. in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid proposal and shall be written on AIA Document A310 Bid Bond and the attorney-in-fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the power of attorney. The bid bond must be issued by a Surety Company listed on the Current US Department of Treasury's Federal Register and be licensed to underwrite bonds in the State of Connecticut and have a rating of A- or better. In the event the Small and Minority business Enterprise (S/MBE) contractor cannot supply a bid bond, Skanska will accept a letter of credit in the amount equal to 10% of the bid amount for any bid that is less than \$100,000 and 25% of the bid amount that is equal to or is in excess of \$100,000 pursuant to Section 4a-60g.

Labor, Material and Performance Bonds: Bidders shall note that Labor, Material and Performance Bonds will be required for all contracts over \$100,000 in value. Bonds shall be in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price payable to Skanska USA Building. Bonds must be issued by a Surety Company licensed to underwrite bonds in the State of Connecticut and have an AM Best Rating of A- or better. In the event that the Small and Minority business enterprise (S/MBE) contractor cannot supply a Labor, Material and Performance Bond, Skanska will accept a letter of credit in the amount equal to 10% of the contract amount for any bid that is less than \$100,000 and 25% of the contract amount that is equal to or is in excess of \$100,000 pursuant to Section 4a-60g.

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO): ALL subcontractors, other than those specifically designated as "Set-Aside" OR "Excluded" (In the Anticipated Bid Package Breakdown section of the solicitation) will be required to award a minimum of 32% percent or more of the value of their Subcontract to DAS-Certified S/MBE contractors/vendors, of which a minimum of 20% percent of the value of their subcontract must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE contractors/vendors and a minimum of 12% percent or more of the value of their subcontract must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE's that are also DAS-Certified MBE contractor/vendors (this includes ethnic minorities, disabled, and women-owned business).

The successful bidder shall participate and comply with all contract compliance regulations concerning contract compliance and approval of contract compliance programs by the Commission Human Rights and

Opportunities (CHRO) Sections 46a-68j – 21 through 43 inclusive. Each subcontractor will be required to develop and implement a CHRO Affirmative Action Plan for the project.

State of Connecticut Small and Minority Business (S/MBE) website: For additional information on becoming a certified S/MBE contractor in the State of Connecticut, please visit the following link: www.das.ct.gov.

S/MBE Resources:

- **The Business Resource Center (BRC)** – <http://www.brct.com>. The BRC is a comprehensive, ONE-STOP Services Center that provides quick and easy access to professional consultation, resource materials, and, action-oriented training (OSHA, certified payrolls, schedules, billings, estimating, etc.), in the skills/techniques needed to grow businesses in the Greater Hartford area. The Business Resource Center, in addition to its focus on developing small businesses, operates a Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Program which has a specific focus on the development of minority construction firms in Connecticut, including assistance with the capacity to qualify for bonding (bid, performance and payment). For additional information please contact Kim Hawkins, Director, Business Resource Center at (860) 527-1100 or email her at khawkins@brct.com.
- **HEDCO & The Greater Hartford Business Development Center, Inc. (HEDCO & GHBC)** – <http://www.hedco-ghbc.com>. HEDCO is a 501 (c 3) Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and a Small Business Administration Certified Micro Lender. The agency has been in operation since 1975 and serves the 169 cities and towns in Connecticut, especially small businesses within the City of Hartford, to help them develop business plans, acquire financing and achieve sustained successful growth. Applicable Statutes: PA 79-607; CGS 4-66c. For additional information please contact Samuel Hamilton, Executive Director, HEDCO Inc. at (860) 527-1301 or email him at samh@hedcoinc.com.
- **ACCION** <http://www.accioneast.org> or (866) 245-0783. Accion East and Online is a nonprofit organization with over twenty years of experience in offering small business loans from \$500 to \$50,000 and financial education to entrepreneurs in the United States.
- **Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC)** - The Department of Economic and Community Development has provided \$2 million in bond guarantee money to promote bonding for minority contractors, where bonding is needed. The two organizations responsible for this program are Community Capital of Bridgeport and the GNEMSDC. Community Capital is serving as the fiduciary and the underwriter of the guarantee. The GNEMSDC is providing the technical assistance and managerial support for minority contractors that are seeking support from the program. For more information, please contact Andres Lopez Director of State Programs at (203) 288-9744 or by email at alopez@gnemsc.org
- **Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC)** - The CTSBDC is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Connecticut. Whether you're just starting out, experiencing growing pains, or ready to take your business to the next level, CTSBDC is here for you. Overcome challenges, discover new opportunities and unleash your small business potential. Contact 855-4CT-SBDC, E-mail CTSBDC@uconn.edu, or visit the CTSBDC website at CTSBDC.com

Anticipated Bid Package Breakdown: The anticipated Bid Package Breakdown is identified below. Skanska reserves the right to add or delete Bid Packages at any time prior to the project being released for bid. If a change is made, a notification will be posted to the DAS website. Skanska also reserves the right to modify the Bid Packages scheduled to be Set-Aside after the prequalification process is complete if it is in the best interest of the project.

There will be no Set-Aside bid packages excluded from the PLA for this project. However, there will be Set-Aside Bid Packages within the PLA. All Subcontractors, other than those specifically designated as “Set-Aside” OR “Excluded”, will be required to award a minimum of 32% percent or more of the value of their Subcontract to DAS-Certified S/MBE contractors/vendors, of which a minimum of 20% percent of the value of their subcontract must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE contractors/vendors and a minimum of 12% percent or more of the value of their subcontract must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE’s that are also DAS-Certified MBE contractors/vendors (this includes ethnic minorities, disabled, and women-owned businesses).

All subcontractors interested in bidding on the following packages will be required to self-perform a minimum of 40% with their own labor regardless of DAS certifications or prequalification.

****Note: Please note that some of the Set-Aside requirements have changed since the original invitation to prequalify was published. It is the responsibility of each subcontractor to review the updated information carefully to make sure that they fully understand the modifications.**

DESCRIPTION	DAS Prequalification Required	Set-Aside 30/12	APPROX. VALUE	DESCRIPTION	DAS Prequalification Required	Set-Aside 30/12	APPROX. VALUE
BP-01 Site Fencing		Moved to BP-02		BP-09C Resilient / Carpet	No	30/12	\$110,000
BP-02 Sitework	Yes	30/12	\$3,700,000	BP-09D Tile	No	30/12	\$160,000
BP-02A Landscaping	Yes	30/12	\$1,592,000	BP-09E Terrazzo Flooring	No	Excluded	\$281,000
BP-02B Site Concrete		Moved to BP-02		BP-10 Toilet Partitions /Accessories (Supply Only)	No	Excluded	\$168,000
BP-02C Paving		Moved to BP-02		BP-10A Signage	No	Set-Aside S/MBE	TO BE BID AT A FUTURE DATE
BP-03 Concrete	Yes	30/12	\$6,671,400	BP-10B Visual Display Units		Moved to BP-09	
BP-03A Caissons	Yes	Excluded	\$1,630,000	BP-10C Lockers	No	Set-Aside S/MBE	\$20,000
BP-03B Architectural Precast	Yes	30/12	\$2,165,100	BP-11 Loading Dock Equipment		Moved to BP-08B	
BP-04 Masonry	No	30/12	\$86,000	BP-12 Window Shades	No	Set-Aside S/MBE	\$230,000
BP-05 Structural Steel	Yes	30/12	\$5,782,000	BP-13 Fire Protection	Yes	30/12	\$715,000
BP-05A Miscellaneous Metals	Yes	30/12	\$718,800	BP-13A Security	Yes	Set-Aside MBE	\$575,000
BP-06 Millwork	No	30/12	\$75,000	BP-13B Fire Alarm	Yes	Set-Aside MBE	\$590,000
BP-06A Rough Carpentry	No	Set-Aside S/MBE	\$100,000	BP-13C Structured Cabling	No	Set-Aside MBE	\$395,000
BP-07 Roofing	Yes	30/12	\$2,950,000	BP-13D Audio Visual		By Owner	
BP-07C Dampproofing & Waterproofing		Moved to BP-03 and BP-08C		BP-14 Elevators	Yes	Excluded	\$410,000
BP-07D Fire Stopping & Joint Protection	No	Set-Aside S/MBE	\$100,000	BP-14A Specialty Lab Hoists & Cranes		Moved to BP-05	
BP-08 Curtain Wall / Storefront	Yes	30/12	\$4,114,000	BP-15 Plumbing & Installation of Toilet Accessories	Yes	30/12	\$5,150,000
BP-08A Doors, Frames, and Hardware	No	Excluded	\$356,000	BP-15A HVAC	Yes	30/12	\$16,200,000
BP-08B Coiling Doors and Grilles	No	30/12	\$58,000	BP-15B HVAC Instrumentation & Controls	Yes	30/12	\$2,200,000
BP-08C Metal Wall Panels	Yes	30/12	\$5,400,000	BP-15C Testing & Balancing		Moved to BP-15A	
BP-09 Gypsum Board Assemblies	Yes	30/12	\$1,960,000	BP-16 Electrical	Yes	30/12	\$4,670,000
BP-09A Acoustical Ceilings	No	30/12	\$190,000	BP-17 Final Cleaning	No	Set-Aside MBE	\$120,000



BP-09B Painting	Yes	30/12	\$500,000	BP-18 Dumpsters		Set-Aside S/MBE	TO BE BID AT A FUTURE DATE
				BP-19 Toilets		Set-Aside MBE	TO BE BID AT A FUTURE DATE
				BP-20 Surveying		Set-Aside S/MBE	TO BE BID AT A FUTURE DATE

The University of Connecticut and Skanska reserve the right to supplement the final bid list with qualified firms who meet the prequalification requirements, but do not specifically respond to this advertisement by submitting their letter of interest by the above dates.

Skanska USA Building is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. (AA/EOE). Minorities and women are encouraged to bid/apply.

All other correspondence and questions regarding the project should be directed to: Richard Murphy @ 203.859.7700 or Richard.Murphy@skanska.com.

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