

Invitation to Bid
University of Connecticut
Project #901803
Gant Building Renovations – STEM
Phase 0 –Investigation and Mockups



You are hereby invited to bid the Investigation and Mockups scopes of work for the University of Connecticut – Gant Building Renovations – STEM (University of Connecticut Project #901803) in Storrs, CT.

Job Description: The Gant Building Renovations Phase 1 Project will renovate approximately 100,000 SF of lab, office and mechanical equipment space in the existing Gant Building Facility. The West Wing and North Wing of the Gant Building Facility will be occupied during the Construction in the South Wing. The University of Connecticut will seek LEED Gold certification for this project. The Early Release Phase 0 package is intended to provide mockups and investigations to analyze the existing structure for implementation into the project design. The early release Phase 0 is anticipated to take place from November 2016 through February 2017. Total estimated value of this Early Release Phase 0 project is approximately \$500 Thousand.

All Bidders submitting a bid of \$500,000 or higher must be prequalified by the DAS in the requisite classification and have the aggregate work capacity rating and single project limit necessary to complete the work for which the Bid is submitted.

Submit the bid package per instructions no later than October 11, 2016 @ 12:00 P.M. Bid Packages being bid at this time are as follows:

| Unit # | Description | DAS Required ** | Set Aside or 30/10 | Estimated Value* |
|--------|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 01A | Ground Penetrating Radar Scanning | No | 30/10 | \$30,000 |
| 02A | Demolition & Abatement for Investigation and Mockups | No | Set Aside | \$30,000 |
| 04A | Exterior Concrete / Masonry Investigation and Mockups | No | 30/10 | \$50,000 |
| 07A | Roofing / Waterproofing for Investigation and Mockups | No | 30/10 | \$20,000 |
| 08A | Windows / Exterior Cladding for Investigation and Mockups | No | 30/10 | \$75,000 |
| 09A | Misc. Carpentry, Ceilings, General Trades for Investigation / Repair / Mockups | No | Set Aside | \$46,000 |
| 09B | Terrazzo Cleaning Mock-up | No | 30/10 | \$10,000 |
| 09C | Painting for Investigation / Repair / Mockups | No | Set Aside | \$5,000 |
| 22A | Plumbing line video investigation | No | 30/10 | \$10,000 |

Subcontractors will be expected to be S/MBE or to provide a minimum of 30% SBE and 10% MBE participation as indicated above, and comply with CHRO requirements. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM
This meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.
All bidders will convene at conference room A of UConn Facilities Operations and Building Services, 25 LeDoyt Road, Storrs, CT 06269
The Pre-Bid Conference will commence promptly at the time noted herein. There are limited short-term visitor parking spaces around the Purchasing Building. The North Parking Garage is recommended to all vendors as parking on campus is at your own risk."

Bid Instructions:

- Download the bid form from the following site:
 - * Value shown is an estimated value only and is not a guaranteed representation of the actual value of the scope.
 - ** Scopes identified as "DAS Prequalification Required" must have DAS Prequalification as these scopes are estimated to exceed \$500,000. DAS Prequalification is required for all bids which exceed \$500,000 irregardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.
 - *** No DAS Contractor Classification identified. Assumes no DAS Pre-Qualification or DAS Required for these scopes of work.

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- Attend the pre-bid meeting and walkthrough starting at conference room A of UConn Facilities Operations and Building Services, 25 LeDoyt Road, Storrs, CT 06269 on September 27, 2016 at 10:00AM
- Submit all requests for information via email to gregory.putham@whiting-turner.com, by September 28, 2016 at midnight.
- Fill out all statements and answers as true and correct as possible & attach all supporting documentation.
- Submit a hard copy of the bid with all requested attachments to:

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

2 Enterprise Drive, Suite 504, Shelton, CT 06484

Bid packages are due by October 11th, 2016 by 12:00PM. All Bids received after the due date and time specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened.

Bids must be sealed. Electronic bids will not be accepted.

All bids will be opened publicly immediately after bids are due at 2 Enterprise Drive, Suite 504, Shelton, CT 06484

- All Bids over \$50,000.00 must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid.
- The successful Contractor shall be required to provide a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price for awards for which the total estimated cost of labor and materials under the Contract is equal or greater than \$100,000.000
- DAS Prequalification is required for **all** bids which exceed \$500,000 regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.
- Subcontractor will be expected to be S/MBE or to provide a minimum of 30% SBE and 10% MBE participation as indicated above. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.
- WT, at the advice of UConn, reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids and prequalifications.
- Small and Minority Businesses (S/MBE) are encouraged to apply/bid.** For additional information on certifying as an S/MBE in Connecticut, please visit the following link: <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=34>

S/MBE Contractors may find the following independent third party resources helpful:

The Business Resource Center (BRC) – <http://www.hedcoinc.com/business-resource-center/> – provides access to professional consultation, resource materials, and, action-oriented training (OSHA, certified payrolls, schedules, billings, estimating, etc.), in the skills/techniques needed to grow business in the Greater Hartford area. The BRC also operates a Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Program with focus on the development of minority construction firms in CT, including assistance with the capacity to qualify for bonding (bid, performance and payment).

HEDCO, Inc. – <http://www.hedcoinc.com/> – HEDCO, Inc. 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 business within the City of Hartford, to help them develop business plans, acquire financing and achieve sustained successful growth. For additional information please contact Kim Hawkins, VP & COO, at (860) 527-1100 or email her at khawkins@brctt.com

BondSure @ Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC) – A minority assistance program offered by Community Capital Fund and GNEMSDC, BondSure helps to increase the surety bonding capacity of S/MBE construction firms throughout Southern Connecticut. For more information, please go to <http://bondsurre.org> or contact Andres Lopez Director of State Programs at (203) 288-9744 or alopez@gnemsc.org.

The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBD) – provides no-cost advising assistance to both prospective existing business owners to help them start or grow their business. For more information, please visit <http://ctsbd.com/contact/>.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – guarantees bid, performance and payment bonds issued by surety companies. This Federal guarantee encourages surety companies to bond S/MBE's who are having difficulty obtaining bonding on their own. For more information, please visit <https://www.sba.gov/surety-bonds>.

Creative Insurance Concepts, Inc. (CIC) – <http://www.creativeic.com/bonds.html> - Participants in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program in most states. Contact Charlene Reynolds, CEO, at 804-674-8330 or cireynolds@creativeic.com.