

Invitation to Prequalify
University of Connecticut
Project #902115
North-West Science Quad Infrastructure
Phase 1



You are hereby invited to prequalify to bid the Phase 1 - University of Connecticut – North West Science Quad Infrastructure Phase 1 (University of Connecticut Project #902115) in Storrs, CT. Whiting-Turner is the CM for the project which is expected to bid shortly following the prequalification period.

Job Description: The North-West Science Quad Infrastructure Phase 1 Project will extend the existing underground utility tunnel underneath Auditorium Road, to the south of the North Parking Garage. This package will also include modifications to the site sanitary, storm, gas, chilled water, and electric utilities. The Phase 1 is anticipated to take place from May 2017 through August 2017. Total estimated value of the Phase 1 project is approximately \$13 Million.

In addition to being prequalified for this Project, 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 pre-qualification package per instructions no later than January 13, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M. Bid Packages requiring pre-qualification are as follows:

Unit #	Description	DAS Required **	Set Aside or 30/10	Estimated Value*
03A	Concrete	Yes	30/10	\$1,400,000
23A	Site Mechanical	Yes	30/10	\$2,645,000
26A	Site Electrical	Yes	30/10	\$1,672,000
31A	Sitework	Yes	30/10	\$7,020,000
32A	Site Improvements	Yes	30/10	\$750,000

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.

There will be a Prequalification Collaborative Outreach Event for the UConn Gant Building Renovations – STEM – Phase 1 and the North-West Science Quad Infrastructure Phase 1 projects. The event will be held at the following location and time:

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016 from 5:00PM to 7:30PM
Location: University of Connecticut
Edward V. Gant Science Complex
2152 Hillside Road
Storrs, CT 06269

All subcontractors are encouraged to attend to learn about the project.

All subcontractors will convene at Lecture Hall C in the Ground Floor Level of the Edward C. Gant Science Complex.

The Outreach Event will commence promptly at the time noted herein. There are limited short-term visitor parking spaces around the Gant Science Complex. The North Parking Garage is recommended to all vendors as parking on campus is “at your own risk.”

* 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.

Prequalification Instructions:

1. Download the prequalification form from the following site:
<https://whiting-turner.box.com/s/8btj743dg46ixr243kku3y5szujsn4v5>
2. Fill out all statements and answers as true and correct as possible & attach all supporting documentation.
3. Save the prequalification and additional attachments as a PDF file and **email** to:
Kevin.seidensticker@whiting-turner.com and gregory.putnam@whiting-turner.com
4. Prequalification Statements will only be accepted in an electronic format. Please **do not** send a hard copy.
5. 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.
6. WT, at the advice of UConn, reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in 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 Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC) – 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://ctsbdc.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.

Entrepreneurial Center – Whether you need to learn **how to start your own business**, obtain a **loan**, or **how to run a business** more profitably, The Entrepreneurial Center supports you with **Resources and Tools**. Learn about their *free and low-cost services* that support **CT small business**. Physical Location: Butterworth Hall, 1265 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Phone: (860) 768-5663. Website: <http://www.hartford.edu/ec/>

Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program (CT PTAP) - CT PTAP's mission is to provide marketing and procurement assistance to Connecticut businesses interested in selling their goods or services to federal, state, or local governments. CT PTAP is a statewide program serving all cities and towns in Connecticut. If contacting CT PTAP for the first time, please fill out and submit the Application for Assistance on their website or call 860-437-4659 Ext. 208. Website: <http://www.ctptap.org/>

Whiting-Turner reserves the right to modify Bid Package scheduled to be Set-Aside after the prequalification process is complete if it is in the best interest of the project.