

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Renovations to Higgins Hall and Higgins Annex
State Project No. BI-RD-290-CMR
Western Connecticut State University
181 White Street
Danbury, Connecticut

- Downes Construction Company, LLC acting as Construction Manager at risk (CMR) on behalf of the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will receive sealed bids on **Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 2:00pm** in **duplicate** for the individual bid packages identified in the Contract Documents and as indicated below for Renovations to Higgins Hall & Higgins Annex on the campus of Western Connecticut State University, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Bids shall be addressed to Downes Construction Company, LLC (Construction Manager) and will be received at our main office on 200 Stanley Street, P.O. Box 727, New Britain, CT. Bids will be publically opened and read aloud shortly after their receipt in order by Bid Package.

Bid Package No.	Description (Set Aside)	DAS Prequalification Classification
3.1	Concrete	

NOTE: ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BID THAT EXCEEDS \$500,000 MUST BE PRE-QUALIFIED BY STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS) FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF WORK INDICATED.

- The contractor shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate (not a predetermination letter) from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-100, 4b-101 and 4b-91. Bidders shall submit with their bids a current Update (bid) Statement. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS ITEM WITH THE BID SUBJECTS YOUR BID TO DISQUALIFICATION.** If you have any questions regarding these requirements contact the State of CT.DAS, at telephone number 860-713-5280 or visit their web site at www.das.state.ct.us.
- This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements.**
 The Subcontractor who is selected to perform this State project must comply with CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 46a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive, as amended by June 2015 Special Session Public Act 15-5. An Affirmative Action Plan must be filed with and approved by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities prior to the commencement of construction. State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-60g, as amended. (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women and/or Disabled owned businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals. For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects, the contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806.
- ALL bidders will be required to furnish a 10% Bid Bond or Certified Check along with their bid. Performance and Payment Bonds (100%) will be required. Reference project Documents for additional information.
- Questions regarding the work or bid shall be made in writing and directed e-mail to: Mr. Robert D. LeBel, Project Manager at HigginsHallBid@downesco.com. The last date for questions is **5 calendar days prior to bid due date at 12:00 noon EST.**
- Plans, Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained on Thursday, April 19, 2018 by Contacting Downes Construction Company, LLC, Robert D. LeBel, Project Manager, HigginsHallBid@downesco.com . A CITRIX Sharefile electronic mail link will be provided to the documents. Those bidders receiving the documents in this manner will receive Addenda as they are issued.
- There will **NOT** be a Pre-Bid Conference on site. Any and All bidders are recommended to visit the site and review the site logistics plan to get a complete understanding of the building layout and access to the site for equipment and materials.
- The State of Connecticut Department of Labor and all associated statutes and regulations shall govern labor wages on this project. The successful bidder shall comply with applicable state and local laws and the State of Connecticut requirements.
- The requirements for prevailing wage rates as outlined in the Connecticut General Statutes 31-53 are to apply to the resultant contract award.
- This project is being performed under the Construction Management at Risk (CMR) form of construction. With respect to this project, the Construction Manager is a representation of the Owner. Each Trade Contractor's contract shall be with the Construction Manager. The Owner has contracted with Downes Construction Company, LLC to serve as the CMR.
- The Construction Manager (CMR) is authorized to waive minor irregularities which it considers in the best interest of the Project, provided the reasons for any such waiver are stated in writing by the Construction Manager (CMR) and made a part of the contract file.
- The successful bidder shall participate and comply with all applicable affirmative action, equal employment, non-discrimination and local hiring preferences established by State of Connecticut for application on this project.
- No bid shall be accepted from any person/company who is in arrears to the Owner and/or Construction Manager upon debt, or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise upon obligations to the Owner and/or Construction Manager.
- All bids shall be held open by bidders for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days. No bidder may withdraw their bid during that period.
- Bidders are reminded that The State of Connecticut is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes as well as State of Connecticut Sales Tax to the extent allowed by law.
- The "Supplemental Instructions" and "Instructions to Bidders" and all special instructions shall be strictly followed by bidders.

17. The project will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. & 10-287(b). However, the Construction Manager and the State of Connecticut reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities, irregularities, omissions, or technical defects in the bids.
18. Downes Construction Company, LLC is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to participate.