



## Invitation to Prequalify & Bid

**University of Connecticut**  
**Project #901667**  
**Fine Arts Phase II**  
**Renovation and Improvements**

You are hereby invited to bid the University of Connecticut - Fine Arts Phase II (Project #901667) in Storrs, CT.

**Job Description:** The Fine Arts Phase II project adds a 27,600 SF addition to the existing Drama/Music/Nafe Katter Theater to serve as a centralized shops and theater production facility, housing scene, paint, prop, lighting and costume shops and support functions. The addition will provide critical linkage between the separate Fine Arts buildings that currently does not exist, accessible access to the second floor of the Drama/Music building and a new entry lobby on the north side of the complex. The project also includes removal and replacement of the existing exterior glazing systems facades on the Storrs and Bolton Road. Lastly, the project includes site modifications, utility infrastructure relocations, modification of the adjacent staff parking lot and the addition of site amenities which coordinate with the University's master plan for development. The construction schedule is expected to be from May 2018 through September 2019.

**Submit the bid package per instructions no later than the dates in the instructions below. Bids will only be accepted from contractors who have been prequalified specific to this project and each bid package**

Unit #	Description	DAS Prequalification Required **	Set Aside or 30/10	Updated Estimated Value*	Bid Due Date
14B	Wheelchair Lifts <b>***Prequalification Submission Required with Bid***</b>	No	Exempt	\$40,000	March 21, 2018
23D	Enabling Mechanical <b>***Prequalification Submission Required with Bid***</b>	No	30/10	\$150,000	March 21, 2018
26C	Enabling Electrical <b>***Prequalification Submission Required with Bid***</b>	No	30/10	\$150,000	March 21, 2018
31A	Sitework	Yes	30/10	\$1,925,000	March 21, 2018

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, March 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Fine Arts Building Room 222 (2nd floor) on 830 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT.**

**This meeting is not mandatory but is highly recommended.**

**Bid Instructions:**

- Download the Instructions to Prequalify, Bid, Bid Forms, and Contract Documents from the following site:  
<https://app.box.com/s/0ath9bom7v4b03tbmq6f10mi15r40kf4>  
 Please note, this website will be the only official outlet for bid information and addenda. Information from other sources may be inaccurate.
- Attend the pre-bid meeting and walkthrough at the Fine Arts Building Room 222 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on 830 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT on March 8, 2018 at 2:00PM

\* 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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3. Submit all requests for information via email to [Jackie.Quesada@whiting-turner.com](mailto:Jackie.Quesada@whiting-turner.com):
  - a. Bid #1 RFI Submission Date: March 9, 2018 at Midnight ***This is Bid Packages 23D (Enabling Mechanical), 26C (Enabling Electrical), and 31A (Sitework)***
4. Fill out all statements and answers as true and correct as possible and attach all supporting documentation.
5. 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**
  - a. **Bid #1 Due Date:** March 21, 2018 at 2:00pm for Bid Packages 14A (Wheelchair Lifts), 23D (Enabling Mechanical), 26C (Enabling Electrical), and 31A (Sitework) ***Note Bid Packages 14A, 23D, and 26C will require a prequalification submission with the bid, for contractor not previously prequalified.***

**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**

6. DAS Prequalification is required for **all** bids which exceed **\$500,000** regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.
7. 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.
8. This project has a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).
9. 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://portal.ct.gov/DAS>

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://ctsfdc.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](mailto: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://cptac.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.