

## INVITATION TO TRADE CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Bond Brothers, Inc., as the Construction Manager at Risk, is accepting Prequalification Applications for the following project at the University of Connecticut:

### SUPPLEMENTAL UTILITY PLANT, PROJECT NUMBER: 300025

Completed Applications will be accepted until **October 10, 2019 at 2:00PM**. Applications received after the due date and time will not receive consideration and shall be returned unopened. Completed Applications must be received at:

**BOND UConn Field Office  
ATTN: Lee Ann Sullivan  
46 King Hill Road  
Storrs, Connecticut 06269**

Qualifications shall be submitted on forms and in the manner specified. The Prequalification Application for this project and scoring used for evaluations will be made available on September 19, 2019. Copies will be provided electronically at no cost by emailing Lee Ann Sullivan at [lasullivan@bondbrothers.com](mailto:lasullivan@bondbrothers.com)

The prequalification process will not require pricing of the work, itself, only submission of qualifications including experience, safety modification rating, and bonding capacity. Drawings and specifications will be issued to qualified applicants at the time of bid.

Applicants must provide a copy of their current approved Classification status by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, ("DAS") with their Application as prequalified for their specific trade scope of work. Separate applications shall be submitted by an applicant in the case of multiple bid package prequalification requests, and each Application shall include the corresponding Certificate. Applicants to the set-aside packages must submit their current small or minority business enterprise certification. These/this certificates must be included with each Application and must be valid as of the due date of the Application. Only contractors pre-qualified by both the DAS, in the classification required for this specific project, and Bond Brothers, Inc. through this Prequalification Application, will be eligible to submit bids for this project in the trades to be prequalified, listed on the following table.

There will be a nonmandatory **Informational Meeting** for all potential bidders on **September 26, 2019 at 2:00PM** at:

**University of Connecticut  
UConn Reclaimed Water Facility (RWF) Conference Room  
LeDoyt Road  
Storrs, CT 06269**

Directions to the meeting are available at <https://uconn.edu/content/uploads/2018/08/Map-UConn-Storrs-Aug-2018.pdf>. All interested bidders for the project are strongly encouraged to attend, including set-aside contractors who may not require prequalification but will benefit from connecting with the other trade contractors.

The right to reject any or all applicants is hereby reserved. It is the policy of Bond Brothers, Inc. to include the participation of MBE/WBE firms in the project and not to discriminate against any employee or any applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation or national origin. This policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment and employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, compensation, selection for training including apprenticeship, layoff and termination. All bidders are required to adhere to EEO policy. **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://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/suretybonds>.

**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 [cjreynolds@creativeic.com](mailto:cjreynolds@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/>

Project Description:

The Supplemental Utility Plant project includes the construction of a new chilled water plant and electrical substation to support expansion of the Northwest Science Quad at UConn Storrs. Work includes construction of the 40,000 sf building and 100 linear feet of utility tunnel. Trades include: site clearing, utilities and earthwork; concrete foundations and fill on metal deck; structural steel frame, metal deck, stairs, and other miscellaneous metals; roofing and waterproofing work; exterior wall system with aluminum windows, storefront, and insulated metal panels clad with phenolic resin rainscreen panels; overhead doors and hollow metal doors; general trades interiors package; davit and trolley cranes; elevator; fire protection; plumbing work; building HVAC and chilled water plant equipment and piping; electrical 13.8kV switchgear and feeders, site and building electrical work, security and technology; paving and landscaping work.

Budget for Bid Packages:

The overall project budget is \$50M. The trades that require project-specific prequalification are:

BP #	Description	DAS Classification	Set-Aside	Value
03-3000	Cast-in-Place Concrete	Concrete	Open	3,900,000
05-1200	Structural Steel & Metal Deck	Iron: Structural & Misc	Open	2,400,000
05-5000	Miscellaneous Metal Fabrications	Iron: Structural & Misc	S/MBE	500,001
05-5100	Cooling Tower Supports	Iron: Structural & Misc	S/MBE	500,001
07-4200	Exterior Wall Systems	Metal Siding	Open	2,200,000
07-5400	Roofing	Roofing	Open	600,000
09-1000	General Trades	General Trades	S/MBE	1,100,000
21-1313	Fire Protection	Fire Prot. Sprinkler Systems	Open	500,001
22-0000	Plumbing	Plumbing	Open	1,200,000
23-0000	HVAC	HVAC	Open	7,000,000
23-0020	Piping Insulation	Mechanical Insulation	MBE	500,001
23-6426	Chiller Equipment	equipment - no DAS category	Excluded	3,200,000
23-6500	Cooling Tower Equipment	equipment - no DAS category	Excluded	1,100,000
26-0000	Electrical	Electrical	Open	5,100,000
26-6000	Electrical Switchgear Equipment	equipment - no DAS category	Excluded	3,600,000
26-6300	Electrical Generator Equipment	equipment - no DAS category	Excluded	1,300,000
31-0000	Sitework	Sitework	Open	2,800,000

Project Schedule/Duration:

The construction is planned to start: February 2020 Construction duration: 20 months

Subcontractor Qualifications:

Applicants requesting prequalification to submit bids on this project must demonstrate proven financial ability, managerial ability, technical ability, the highest safety standards, and integrity. The Applicant must demonstrate the financial ability and bonding capacity to complete a construction project with a minimum value of at least the value of trade package stated above. Most recent audited financial statements are required for this prequalification, as further outlined in this Prequalification Application.

The Applicant must demonstrate the ability to staff the project with high quality, experienced management personnel and must provide adequate levels of staffing to oversee the project through completion. In addition, the firm shall propose a Management team for Preconstruction and Construction that will be assigned to this project. The firm must demonstrate the individual staff members' experience on past relevant projects performing work of a similar scope and nature to this project and in a comparable position as assigned on this project. Trade Contractor must perform a minimum of 40% of labor by their own forces.

The Applicant must demonstrate, through past experience, the highest degree of ability to successfully complete projects of a similar size, scope, nature, value, and duration as the project which is the subject of this Application. Project relevant

experience demonstrating these requirements must be submitted on the Prequalification Application. Refer to the Application for complete requirements.

The Applicant shall demonstrate the ability to work safely and in harmonious, non-adversarial relationships with the owner and its agents in order to achieve successful completion of the project. All contractors will be required to sign a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), which will be available for review at the time of bidding. Additionally, the Applicant must be able to show past compliance with the State of Connecticut CHRO and Department of Labor requirements and regulations. For this project, Applicant is advised that they must award **thirty percent (30%)** or more of the value of their awarded contract to certified SBE's and, of that amount, **one-third (10% of the total award)** or more must be awarded to SBE's who are also MBE's. Applicants to the Miscellaneous Metal Fabrications, Cooling Tower Supports, General Trades, and Piping Insulation bid packages must have current certification as either a small business or minority business enterprise. BOND reserves the right to reject any or all Applications, and to waive any informality or technical defects if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the project. Bond reserves the right to refuse to prequalify any Applicant for this particular project notwithstanding the fact that they may have prequalified for previous project(s).