

## INVITATION TO TRADE CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Bond Brothers, Inc., as the Construction Manager at Risk, is going out for prequalification for select trades on the following project at the University of Connecticut:

### BOILER PLANT EQUIPMENT & UTILITY TUNNEL CONNECTION, PACKAGE #1

PROJECT NUMBER: 300151

Completed Applications will be accepted until January 13, 2020 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: Luis Rodriguez  
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 December 16, 2019. Copies will be provided electronically at no cost by emailing Luis Rodriguez at [lrodriguez@bondbrothers.com](mailto:lrodriguez@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. 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. 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.

No meeting is planned in relation to this prequalification process. Questions submitted to Luis Rodriguez via email will be answered via addendum. The cut-off date for RFIs is 2:00 pm on December 26, 2019.

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 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 (CTSDBC) – 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://ctsdbc.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 Boiler Plant Equipment & Utility Tunnel Connection – Package #1 project includes the installation of new 125-pound steam express condensate and associated ancillary support systems within the existing North Campus Utility Tunnel, Cogen Facility and Heating Plant (Boiler Building). Incidental removal and replacement of existing tunnel utilities to allow installation of new steam/condensate piping. Construction of new exterior pipe chase at the Cogen Facility. Demolition

Boiler Plant Equipment & Utility Tunnel Connection, Package #1  
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of existing boilers, boiler support utility connections, asbestos abatement, structural demolition and replacement of firing floor structure/slab to support Package #2 Boiler Replacement Project. Temporary utilities to maintain services to existing campus buildings Trades include: utilities and earthwork; concrete foundations and fill on metal deck; structural steel frame, metal deck, stairs, and other miscellaneous metals; roofing and waterproofing work; metal siding, general trades package, fire protection; plumbing work; HVAC,; site and building electrical work,; paving and landscaping work.

Budget for Bid Packages:

The overall project budget is \$25M. The trades that require project-specific prequalification in this second round are:

BP #	Description	DAS Classification	Set-Aside	Value
BP. #5	Demolition/Abatement	Asbestos Removal/Demolition	SBE	640,000
BP #17	HVAC	HVAC	Open	3,775,000
BP #19	Electrical	Electrical	SBE	688,000
BP #20	Sitework	Sitework	Open	1,000,000

Project Schedule/Duration:

The construction is planned to start:                      March 2020                      Construction duration: 19 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 project with a value of at least the value 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 team 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 contractors 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.

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. This is a prevailing wage rate project. 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 Demolition/Abatement and Electrical 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).