

Invitation to Bid
University of Connecticut
Project #300136-ITB
University Second Electrical Feed



You are hereby invited to bid the University of Connecticut - University Second Electrical Feed (University of Connecticut Project #300136-ITB) in Storrs, CT. Whiting-Turner is the CM for the project.

Job Description: The project is anticipated to begin September 2026, with a total estimated value of approximately \$15 million. The UConn Storrs campus continues to expand in accordance with its Master Plan, and the electrical demand is increasing to a point where both imported, and campus-based production of electrical power needs to be increased to meet forecasted demand. The new 38E connection to the Eversource 900 line will facilitate meeting the forecasted demand.

NOTE: In order to maintain the integrity of the competitive bid process, the Architect and its consultants, selected by the University as for this Project, will not be able to participate as part of the team for any contractor submitting a Bid for the construction of this Project. The Architect/Consultants team is: Asplundh Engineering Services/Salas O'Brien

Submit the bid package per instructions no later than 8/13/26 at 2:00PM. Bid Packages are as follows:

Unit #	Description	Prequalification Required ***	DAS Required **	DAS Classification	Spending Allocation Goals	Estimated Value *
03A	Concrete & Masonry	NO	NO	N/A	30/10	\$600,000
26A	Electrical	YES	YES	ELECTRICAL	30/10	\$4,000,000
26B	Tele/Data	NO	NO	N/A	Set-Aside	\$300,000
31A	Sitework	YES	YES	SITEWORK	30/10	\$1,800,000
32B	Landscape & Hardscape	NO	NO	N/A	Set-Aside	\$38,000

* Value shown is an estimated value only and is not a guaranteed representation of the actual value of the scope. The estimated value shown does not include Requested Alternates Scopes of work values.

** Scopes identified as "DAS Required" must have DAS Prequalification as these scopes are estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

DAS Prequalification is required for all bids which exceed \$1,000,000 regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.

*** Bid packages requiring WT prequalification are eligible only to previously prequalified contractors.

Subcontractors will be expected to adhere to the Good Faith Efforts Plan and Spending Allocation Goals participation as indicated above. Subcontractors are to comply with CHRO requirements. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.

Request For Information (RFI's) are to be submitted to Whiting-Turner by no later than **7/30/26 at 5:00PM**. Email all RFI's to **Peter.Lalime@whiting-turner.com**.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 10:00AM.

This meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended

Walkthrough Location: University of Connecticut

Whiting-Turner Trailer

202 Auditorium Road Extension

Storrs, CT 06269

The meeting location: Whiting-Turner Trailer at 202 Auditorium Road Extension, Storrs, CT 06269. After meeting, we will walk to the University 2nd Electrical Feed Site.

The Pre-Bid Conference will commence promptly at the time noted herein. Short-term pay-by-phone parking spaces are available at North Parking Garage. Subcontractors should park at North Parking Garage and walk to the Whiting-Turner Trailer.

Bid Instructions:

1. Subcontractors should receive an email with access to bid documents from Building Connected. If you have trouble finding this email or do not receive it, request access from Peter Lalime. Download the "Bid Documents" and "Form of Proposal"

from the Building Connected site: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/projects/69a086668e6f28de3ec7c42a/info>. Subcontractors can also navigate to CT Source to access open ITB packages through the solicitation link.

2. Attend the pre-bid meeting and walkthrough at the University of Connecticut, **Whiting-Turner Trailer** scheduled for **Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Meet at: Whiting-Turner Trailer at 202 Auditorium Road Extension, Storrs, CT 06269.** This meeting is not mandatory but is highly recommended.
3. Submit all Requests for Information (RFI's) via email to Peter.Lalime@whiting-turner.com no later than **Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.**
4. Fill out all statements and answers as true and correct as possible & attach all supporting documentation.
5. Complete the submission of bid in conformance with item "A" within the Instructions to Bidders by uploading all documents to Building Connected and complete all required fields in Building Connected. **Bids are required to be received by Thursday, August 13th, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. After 2:00 P.M. on the bid due date, bids will not be accepted. A virtual public opening will be held at 2:15 P.M. on August 13th, 2026, via Microsoft Teams. The link will be distributed via Building Connected message to all bidders.**
6. All Bids valued at \$50,000 or more must be accompanied with a Bid Bond (utilizing the form included in Part Three of the CAH). In the event that a bidder cannot supply a bid bond, the bidder must supply a letter of credit in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount for any bid that is less than \$100,000 and twenty five percent (25%) of the bid amount that is equal to or is in excess of \$100,000 in lieu of a bid bond.
7. The successful Contractor shall be required to provide a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price for awards for which the total estimated cost of labor and materials under the Contract is equal or greater than \$100,000.
8. Subcontractors will be expected to adhere to the Good Faith Efforts Plan and Spending Allocation Goals participation as indicated above. Subcontractors are to comply with CHRO requirements. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS at time of RFP submission.
9. Whiting-Turner, at the advice of UConn, reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids and pre-qualifications.
10. Whiting-Turner, at the advice of UConn reserves the right to elect to implement some, all, or none of the Alternates set forth in the Proposal forms. The low Bid shall be determined by taking the Base Price set forth in the Proposal form, plus the Alternates selected by the University at the time of contract execution.

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:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Services/Licensing-Certification-Permitting-and-Codes/Small-Minority-Business-Center>

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 [Home | Connecticut Small Business Development Center \(uconn.edu\)](https://www.ctsbdc.com/).

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/funding-programs/surety-bonds>

Creative Insurance Concepts, Inc. (CIC) – <https://creativeic.com/our-services> - Participants in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program in most states. Contact Charlene Reynolds, CEO, at 804-674-8330 or info@creativeic.com.

Entrepreneurial Center & Women's Business 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 & Women's Business Center supports you with **Resources and Tools**. Learn about their *free and low-cost services* that support **CT small business**. Physical Location: 222 Pitkin Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Phone: (860) 768-5681. Website: <http://www.hartford.edu/ec/>

Connecticut APEX Accelerators (Previously called CT PTAP) - CT APEX Accelerators' 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 APEX Accelerators is a statewide program serving all cities and towns in Connecticut. If contacting CT APEX Accelerators for the first time, please fill out and submit the Application for Assistance on their website or call 860-437-4659 Ext. 208. Website: <https://ctapex.org/contact-us/>

Whiting-Turner reserves the right to modify Bid Packages after the bid process is complete if it is in the best interest of the project.