Columbia University Housing for Faculty and Students at 600 W. 125th St
FAQ’s

Resources:

For the latest updates regarding bid opportunities or if you have any questions please use the following websites and email addresses:

- Columbia University 125th Street bid opportunities: https://neighbors.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/MWL%20Reports/Pavarini%20McGovern%20Bid%20Opportunity%20Residential%20Building.pdf
- Pavarini McGovern: https://structuretone.com/pavarini-mcgovern/
- Crescent Consulting: 600west125@CrescentConsult.com

If you are interested in a construction job on this project, fill out an application at: https://columbiaservices.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a34PT891wrkL3oN

Building Contractor Opportunities:

- Architectural Metal & Glass
- Architectural Woodwork
- BMS
- Ceramic Tile & Interior Stone
- Curtainwall
- Electrical
- Fire Protection
- HVAC
- Mechanical
- Painting & Wall Covering
- Plumbing
- Roof/ Waterproofing
- Signage
- Sprinkler
- Steel/ Misc. Metals
- Toilet Accessories
- Trash Chute & Compactor
- Underground Plumbing
- Wood Flooring
- Window Treatment

A list of already awarded trades is available at: https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/prime-contractors-who-have-been-awarded-contracts-600-west-125th-street

General Conditions & Consulting Opportunities:

- Carting
- Engineering
- Events/Catering
- Final Cleaning
- Janitorial Services/ Supplies
- Printing Services
- Progress Photos
- Site Logistics
- Site Security
- Site Safety
- Surveying
- Temporary Toilets/Wash Stations

FAQ’s:

1. What are the minority, women, and locally owned business/workforce goals for this project?
   Columbia University has a M/W/LBE contracting goal of 35% and a local, minority, & women workforce goal of 40%.
2. How does Columbia define local?
“Local” is defined geographically with 17 zip codes located from the northern side of 96th Street, river to river, to the top of Manhattan and include the four southernmost zip codes in the Bronx: 10025, 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10035, 10037, 10039, 10040, 10451, 10454, 10455, & 10474

3. Is this a union project?
No, this is an open shop project that is open to both union and non-union firms. The only exception to that is all masonry work must be union with Local 79.

4. What are the wage requirements for this project?
Columbia University requires that all workers must be paid a minimum of $25 per hour on this project.

5. If a trade is not specifically mentioned in the list of above opportunities, is it possible that they might still be needed?
Yes, many trades will be needed including consultants, professional services, and cleaning. These are services that will be required by both the CM in their general conditions and contractors as well. Pre-qualifying with Pavarini McGovern will help ensure you are notified when these opportunities are posted. You can find the list of awarded contractors at: https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/prime-contractors-who-have-been-awarded-contracts

6. How do firms prequalify?
Firms should email: 600west125@CrescentConsult.com to let Crescent Consulting know they are interested in prequalifying. Crescent will reach out to the firm with the next steps.

7. Will there be a maximum value of work that can be allocated to each company?
No, there is no maximum contract value per company. Awards are based on each individual company’s capacity and the bid package to be awarded.

8. Do companies that are currently vendors with Columbia need to prequalify or will they be notified of bids automatically?
All companies need to prequalify with Pavarini McGovern, regardless of their vendor status with the University.

9. Will companies need to use BIM for this project?
BIM will be used for mechanical trades on this project.

10. Will subcontractors need to provide certified payroll?
Yes, all subcontractors will need to submit certified payroll records.

11. What is the best way to find out which firms have been awarded contracts?
All awarded bids will be uploaded to the bid opportunities website along with the contact information for those subcontractors. Firms can find that information here: https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/prime-contractors-who-have-been-awarded-contracts

12. Is the approved design drawing available for this project?
   The design drawings will be included in the bid packages and are not available before that time.

13. When is construction slated to begin?
   Construction for the project started in May 2021.

14. Will this project be filed under the Industrial & Commercial Abatement Program (ICAP)?
   No

15. Will bonding be required?
   Possibly, this will be based on a financial review of bidders during the prequalification process.

16. Will there be 3rd shift after hours work, weekends, holidays?
   There is no third shift, but may be some work on holidays and weekends when required.