

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION
(Prime Contractor)

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Los Angeles, responses to the University's prequalification documents for a **CM at Risk** contract are sought from prospective prime contractor bidders (hereafter "bidders") for the following project:

Cogeneration Plant New Electric Chiller
Project Number 943904.01
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

PREQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: The University has determined that bidders who submit bids on this project must be prequalified.

Prequalified bidders will be required to have the following California contractor's license(s):

B License (General Building)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The Cogeneration Plant is an approximately 189,110 gross-square-foot facility that provides electricity, steam, and chilled water to the campus and the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (RRUMC). The plant operates based on a natural gas-fired cogeneration process and includes a mix of steam-driven, absorption, and electric chillers. As campus growth and peak cooling demand have increased, the existing chiller system is approaching its reliable operating limit, with limited capacity margin to accommodate peak conditions or unanticipated equipment outages. Additionally, portions of the steam-driven chiller fleet are aging and nearing the end of their service life, increasing the risk of reduced availability and operational flexibility. The proposed project is driven by the need to restore system reliability, maintain critical redundancy, and support continued campus expansion and mission-critical operations.

It also advances UCLA's broader strategic transition to electrified heating and cooling systems, thereby reducing reliance on fossil-fuel-based infrastructure and associated greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting compliance with UC sustainability and decarbonization policy objectives.

The project would install a new high-efficiency electric centrifugal chiller, along with an associated pumping system, cooling tower, and electrical infrastructure, within the existing Cogeneration Plant footprint. The design would leverage original plant provisions for future expansion, including available space, spare system tie-ins, and existing infrastructure capacity, minimizing modifications and construction risk.

The project would include installation of major mechanical and electrical equipment, system tie-ins, controls integration with the plant's distributed control system, and commissioning to ensure reliable, efficient operation. The addition of the new chiller would require integration with the plant's existing primary and secondary chilled water system and circulating water system, including the installation of new primary and secondary chilled water pumps, modifications to piping systems, and coordination with existing cooling tower operations. To support the additional heat rejection load, a new multi-cell cooling tower would be installed on an elevated structural steel platform above the current ammonia containment area, keeping all new cooling infrastructure within the cogeneration facility while avoiding interference with existing equipment.

The project would also include upgrades and integration within the plant's electrical distribution system to serve the new equipment. The proposed configuration would use existing medium-voltage infrastructure, with a step-down transformer and variable-frequency drive provided with the new chiller to improve efficiency and reduce electrical footprint and cost. Additional electrical work would support new pumps, cooling tower fans, and control systems while maintaining system redundancy and operational flexibility. Existing steam-driven chiller equipment nearing the end of its service life would be gradually decommissioned as new electric chiller capacity is placed in service.

Estimated Construction Cost: **\$29,175,806.00**

PREQUALIFICATION SCHEDULE: On **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, prequalification documents will be available (at no cost) to prospective bidders online at: <https://www.uclaplanroom.com>

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: Each Bidder's completed Prequalification Questionnaire and associated documents must be submitted electronically via the "Upload Documents" feature at <https://www.uclaplanroom.com>, no later than:

2:00 PM, Thursday, November 5, 2026

NOTE: Only submittals uploaded to the UCLA Planroom website will be accepted. Oral, telephonic, electronic mail (e-mail), facsimile, or telegraphic Prequalification Questionnaires are invalid and will not be accepted. Only University's Prequalification Questionnaire (and associated documents) will be accepted.

Any person or entity not satisfied with the outcome of the prequalification must file a writ challenging the outcome within 10 calendar days from the date of the University's written notice regarding prequalification determination. Any assertion that the outcome of the prequalification process was improper will not be grounds for a bid protest.

The dates, times, and location set for receiving and opening of bids will be set forth in an Advertisement for Bids.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and to waive non-material irregularities in any response received.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence, and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Bidder may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

In addition, the University is committed to promoting and increasing participation of small business enterprises (SBEs) and disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBES) relating to all goods and services covered under the awarded agreement, subject to any and all applicable obligations under state and federal law, and University policies. The awarded contractor shall make best efforts to provide qualified SBEs and DVBES with the maximum opportunity to participate. Please email ContractsAdministration@capnet.ucla.edu for further information.

The work described in the contract is a Public Works project subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

No contractor or subcontractor, regardless of tier, may be listed on a Bid for, or engage in the performance of, any portion of this project, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The successful Prequalified Bidder shall pay all persons providing construction services and/or any labor on site, including any University location, no less than the UC Fair Wage (defined as \$15 per hour) and shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local working condition requirements.

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