

SECTION 1.1 – Advertisement for Bids

3/25/2026

Project: ARP – NETREC Improvements Subproject 2: PSU Greenhouse
 SBC #: 540/ 001-05-2023
 3450 Maloney Road,
 Knoxville, TN 37920

Project Summary: The project scope includes the construction of a new 7,775 SF Greenhouse Facility which will serve the higher ed research needs for The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

Owner: The University of Tennessee
 Department of Capital Projects
 400 W. Summit Hill Drive, UT Tower 947C
 Knoxville, TN 37902

Construction Manager: The Christman Company
 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite N-600
 Knoxville, TN 37919
 865-546-2440

Bid Invitation:

The Christman Company, serving as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), is soliciting subcontractor bids for the project described above. Proposals for all work categories must be received as detailed below:

Work Category	Work Category Description	Bid Date
WC 02	Site Grading and Utilities	<p>Weds, April 22, 2026 @ 2:00 PM</p>
WC 10	Structural Concrete	
WC 11	Masonry and Concrete Faced Panels (below grade)	
WC 12	Structural and Misc. Steel	
WC 13	Dampproofing, Air Barriers, and Sealants	
WC 14	Standing Seam Roof and Metal Wall Panels	
WC 18	Aluminum Storefront Openings	
WC 21	Drywall Ceilings	
WC 24	Painting	
WC 25	Architectural Specialties	
WC 27	Mechanical and Plumbing Systems	
WC 28	Electrical Systems	
WC 29	Greenhouse Structure and Related Systems	

*All proposals will be privately opened and recorded.

BID PROCESS AND CONTRACTOR EXPECTATIONS:

Bidding documents will be available from the CM/GC via Christman’s BuildingConnected Project Site.

Submit proposals via email to:

- Ethan Sanders, Project Manager – ethan.sanders@christmanco.com
- Jeff Lumpkins, Preconstruction Manager – jeff.lumpkins@christmanco.com

Bids may be submitted on a trade contractors preferred letterhead but should align with the scope defined in the Work Category Scope Summary document which will be posted to BuildingConnected.

There will be a virtual pre-bid conference via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday, March 26th at 11:00 AM** conducted by the Construction Manager. It is recommended that trade contractors participate in the pre-bid conference. E-mail ethan.sanders@christmanco.com to request an invite to this Teams meeting.

All questions are to be directed to the Construction Manager no later than **Friday, April 10th by end of day**. No direct contact with the Owner or Architect is requested. Please send questions to Ethan Sanders.

All contractors bidding on work must be pre-qualified through Christman’s Sub Service Center ([For Subcontractors | The Christman Company](#)), and have all information up to date.

We will host post bid interviews for the low qualified bidders immediately after bids are received. The purpose of the interview will be to discuss the bid scope inclusions but will also focus on schedule, submittals, safety, site utilization and unique project requirements.

All proposals submitted shall remain valid for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid date. The Owner, Architect and Construction Manager reserve the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all proposals, or accept any proposal, which, in their opinion, will serve their best interest.

The Christman Company is an equal opportunity contractor which does not discriminate based on ethnicity, gender, age or religious beliefs.

Below is a summary of dates for bidding as follows:

Project Information Issued to Bidders:
Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting:
Questions to CM due by:
W.C. Proposals due to CM by:

Wednesday, March 25th
Thursday, March 26th at 11:00 AM
Friday, April 10th by end of day
Wednesday, April 22nd @ 2:00 PM

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