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Wayne County reaches out to local contractors for the new jail project

(CANTON) – Wayne County held its third outreach session Monday to help communicate the bidding process to companies interested in winning contracts for the construction of the new Wayne County jail.

There is an emphasis with this construction project to utilize Wayne County businesses through the procurement process.

“We have created a goal to use our best efforts to have 60 percent of the business go to Wayne County-based firms and Detroit-based firms,” Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

Monday afternoon’s session at the Summit in the Park in Canton drew better than 50 companies specializing in mechanical equipment, iron works, security systems, glass and mirror installation, tile and ceilings, food service operations, full-body scanner systems, concrete and many other trades.

Session leaders from Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK fielded questions from contractors and explained the process of qualifying a business.

The \$300 million construction project is slated to be completed July 2014. One of the largest construction projects underway in the county, it is expected to create between 2,000 and 2,500 jobs.

The planned 714,000 square-foot facility, located at the corner of Gratiot and St. Antoine, will house 2,192 beds and be the new administrative offices for the Sheriff’s staff.

“These outreach sessions, we want to make sure we are communicating our process to you,” said Bill Lorelli, assistant vice president for Walbridge.

Wayne County, Walbridge and DAN TEAK LLC have collaborated to put on these outreach sessions.

Previous sessions were held in Taylor and Detroit. Organizers estimate that a total of 160 companies have participated.

You can still pre-qualify your company with Walbridge, the general contractor for the project, at www.walbridge.com. You must also register with Dan Teak LLC at www.danteak.com.

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