

**C0718 – EAST PIPELINE INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT****Project No. 95084004****Invitation No. VW0652****1. Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) will receive electronic Bids submitted through PlanetBids as indicated in Section 2, until Wednesday, March 11, 2026, by 2:00 p.m., for furnishing all material and performing all Work necessary for the construction of the **EAST PIPELINE INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT** located in the City of San Jose, California.

**2. Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids.**

<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/48397/portal-home>

**3. Availability of Bid Documents.**

- A. The Notice to Bidders (NTB) specifying the requirements of the Work and the details of the bidding procedures, Project Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents, including the Instructions to Bidders and Bid Documents, can be downloaded at PlanetBids.
- B. To download these documents, prospective Bidders must first register as a vendor at PlanetBids indicated above. By registering as a vendor, Bidder will automatically receive notifications of upcoming Valley Water bidding opportunities. Once registered, Bidder can download the documents and the Bidder will be automatically included in the planholders list. There is no charge for downloading these documents.
- C. It is highly recommended that prospective Bidders acquire the Contract Documents directly through PlanetBids in order to bid on this Project and be assured that their Bids include all Addenda. All Addenda must be acknowledged online before selecting “Place eBid” to start the electronic submission process. PlanetBids will direct the prospective bidder to the Addenda tab if at least one acknowledgment is missing prior to entering the submission area.
- D. For questions or assistance regarding the vendor registration, please select the “Help” section within PlanetBids or contact the Valley Water Planroom by sending an email to [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org).
- E. Releasing certain confidential information in the Plans and Specifications relating to existing information technology systems, to the public, may increase the potential for an attack on a Valley Water information technology system. To protect Valley Water's information technology systems, all parties interested in accessing the Project Plans, Specifications, and Addenda must register as a vendor at PlanetBids and submit a completed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), FC 1650, to access the Contract Documents.

- F. The NDA, already executed by Valley Water, must be executed by the requestor. The completed NDA must be emailed to the Planroom at the following email address: [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org).
- G. Upon receipt of the fully executed NDA, access to view the Contract Documents and all Addenda through PlanetBids will be provided.

**4. California State Department of Industrial Relations Contractor and Subcontractor Registration Requirements.**

- A. California Labor Code Section 1771.1 requires:
  - 1. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code.
- B. An inadvertent error in listing a subcontractor who is not registered pursuant to Section 1725.5 in a bid proposal shall not be grounds for filing a bid protest or grounds for considering the bid nonresponsive, provided that any of the following apply:
  - 1. The subcontractor is registered prior to the bid opening.
  - 2. Within 24 hours after the bid opening, the subcontractor is registered and has paid the penalty registration fee.
  - 3. The subcontractor is replaced by another registered subcontractor pursuant to Section 4107 of the Public Contract Code within 24 hours after the bid opening.

**5. Summary of Work.**

- A. The Work includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Gravity Dewater the Penitencia Delivery Main, Pipelines at Penitencia Water Treatment Plant, Parallel East Pipeline, and Milpitas Pipeline at the locations shown on the plans and as specified in this specification. Treated water shall be dechlorinated before its release to storm drains or local water bodies. Refer to specification section 23.07 for additional requirements and information.
    - a. The Pipelines described above are interconnected, and therefore the gravity dewatering scope is incorporated into this project.
  - 2. Completely drain and remove water from East Pipeline and Penitencia Delivery Main between Piedmont Valve Yard and Patt Line Valve as shown on the plans and as specified in this specification. Treated water shall be dechlorinated before its release to storm drains or local water bodies. Refer to specification section 23.07 for additional requirements and information.

3. Perform work on the treated water transmission pipeline appurtenances sites from the PDM/MPL Line Valve Vault to Patt Line Valve (STA75+54.00) and at Thompson Creek Line Valve (Snell Pipeline). See the Pipeline Maintenance Tables on sheets G-06 through G-07 of the Project drawings for the appurtenance work to be completed at each site.
4. Excavate, remove, and reinstall hatch panels at Patt Line Valve and Mabury Turnout, and remove and reinstall roof at Thompson Creek Line Valve (Snell Pipeline) and MPL/PDM Line Valve to facilitate work.
5. Install in-line static mixers at the existing Thompson Creek Line Valve (on Snell Pipeline), at the existing Patt Line Valve (East Pipeline), and the proposed Indus Line Valve (East Pipeline) and associated piping modifications, fittings, hardware, insulation kits, and temporary platform removal/modification.
6. Remove approximately 80 linear feet of existing Bar-Wrapped Concrete Cylinder Pipe (AWWA C303) and furnish, construct, and Install the new 48-inch manually operated Indus Line Valve, associated vault, valves, piping, and appurtenances on East Pipeline.
7. Install a new 48-inch motor-operated line valve at the Patt Line Valve Vault, and associated valves, piping, fittings, appurtenances, electrical services, and control systems.
8. Excavate, remove, furnish, and replace the 20-inch buried manually operated valve near Mabury Turnout, and remove, furnish, and replace the 20" motor operated valve and the 16" flowmeter within the existing Mabury Turnout vault, and associated fittings, piping, valves, electrical services, and control systems.
9. Provide logistical support (including traffic control, removal of flanges and appurtenances, and providing access and ventilation) for and participate in the manned internal visual and electromagnetic inspection of East Pipeline by the District and its third-party consultant.
10. Clear and grub as needed for access to perform the Work.
11. Tree removal for the Indus location.
12. Perform internal pipeline repair work as specified and as needed should deteriorated pipe sections be identified during the internal pipeline visual and electromagnetic inspection, including, but not limited to Weko seals, and mortar repairs.
13. Prepare and coat all in-vault and exposed pipeline appurtenances and associated piping assembly components.
14. Prepare, coat, and waterproof at vault interior walls. Waterproof the interior and exterior walls of cast-in-place and precast vaults.

15. Install electrical conduits, enclosures, lights, and panels as shown on the Drawings.
16. Coordinate and install supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system components.
17. Furnish, install, and test all cathodic protection systems and associated components.
18. Furnish and install vault hatches, manholes, ladders, vent hole screens, and corrosion control test stations.
19. Install new vault bases and at-grade manhole structures over existing pipeline nozzles where shown on the drawings.
20. Extend existing 24-inch Nozzles where shown on the drawings.
21. Install one new nozzle on existing bar-wrapped concrete cylinder pipe where shown on the drawings.
22. Procure and install appurtenance components including, but not limited to, valves, flanges, pipe joints, and utility boxes.
23. Install Air Relief Valve (ARV)vent piping.
24. Replace gaskets and hardware on existing nozzles and blind flanges.
25. Provide environmental support, surveys, monitoring, and BMP management.
26. Provide traffic control and logistical support for pipeline flushing and disinfection efforts at all vault locations on East Pipeline, Parallel East Pipeline, Milpitas Pipeline, and Penitencia Delivery Main. Support includes but is not limited to providing and managing discharge BMPs, water quality monitoring of disinfection discharges, the transportation and delivery of disinfection chemical, materials, and equipment to and from the injection and discharge sites. This work may be require 24/7 support during the disinfection procedures.
27. Restore all impacted work sites to a condition equal to or better than that existing prior to construction.

B. The Project has one (1) shutdown scheduled for the shutdown-required work. The Contractor shall complete all shutdown-required work within the shutdown period scheduled. The District expects multiple crews to be deployed to complete the shutdown-required work. Please refer to the milestone table for more information about shutdown durations. The Contractor is referred to Article 16.01.01. for shutdown constraints.

1. The key isolation points for this shutdown are Penitencia Water Treatment Plant, the VW/SFPUC Intertie, Parallel East Pipeline Line

Valve at Aborn Road, and Ocala Line Valve. These sites will be included in the lockout/tagout for this project.

2. More details about isolation at the plant and East Pipeline turnouts will be included in the lockout/ tagout plan.
3. The Contractor is informed that only single isolation at Ocala Line Valve will be provided while Patt Line Valve is open or removed throughout the duration of the shutdown.
4. Snell and East Pipelines from Ocala Line Valve to Thompson Creek Line Valve are expected to be online for the duration of the project except during refill and disinfection activities.
5. Single isolation at the turnouts is a possibility. More details about isolation at the turnouts will be included in the lockout/tagout plan.
6. The Contractor may provide other forms of isolation that complies with CAL/OSHA regulation, is acceptable to the Contractor's policies and procedures, and is approved by Valley Water.

C. The Contractor shall complete all work, as outlined under the following Milestones and as defined in these Specifications and the Drawings, within the specified time allowances, so that the District can meet its existing treated water supply commitments. Work shall include the following Milestones:

1. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 1 - Immediate Submittals.
2. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 2 - East Pipeline Preconstruction Coordination Work and Site Preparation Work.
3. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 3 – Procurement of Materials.
4. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 4 – Pipeline Dewatering Except EPL from STA 54+00 to 60+00.
5. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 4A – Installation of the 24-inch Nozzle at STA. 59+20 and Pipeline Dewatering from EPL STA 54+00 to 60+00.
6. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 5 – Internal Inspection Work From the Connection with Penitencia Delivery Main to Patt Line Valve.
7. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 6 – Internal Repair Work and Debris Removal From Piedmont Valve Yard to Patt Line Valve.

8. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 7 – Shutdown Required Work for Indus Line Valve/ IRP2 East Pipeline Additional Line Valve.
9. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 8 – Shutdown-Required Work at Patt Line Valve.
10. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 9 – Shutdown-Required Appurtenance Work at the Mabury Turnout.
11. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 10 – Shutdown-Required Appurtenance Work from Piedmont Valve Yard to Patt Line Valve.
12. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 11 – Refill, Pressurization, Post-Pipeline Fill & Pressurization Appurtenance Inspection, Pipeline Disinfection, Flushing, and Bringing the Pipeline Online.
13. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 12 – Non-Shutdown-Required Appurtenance Work.
14. 14. The scope of work to be completed under Milestone 13 – Project Completion and Closeout Work.

**D. Preference for Materials**

1. The Contract Documents require the Contractor to provide specific brand or trade name products in compliance with Public Contract Code §3400(c)(2). Releasing certain confidential information in the Plans and Specifications, including identification of the specific brand or trade name products and details of the integration of the products into the existing information technology systems, to the public, may increase the potential for an attack on a Valley Water information technology system. All parties interested in accessing the Project Plans, Specifications, and Addenda must register as a vendor at PlanetBids and submit a completed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to access the confidential Contract Documents.

**6. Contract Time.**

The time limit for completion of the Work is **435** calendar days. See Contract Documents, Special Provisions, Section 12. Work and Contract Time(s), Article 12.03. Contract Time(s), for Milestones and Contract Times.

**7. Liquidated Damages.**

See Contract Documents, Standard Provisions, Section 5. Prosecution and Progress of Work, Article 5.08. Liquidated Damages, and Special Provisions, Section 12. Work and Contract Time(s), Article 12.05. Liquidated Damages, for requirements regarding Liquidated Damages.

**8. Estimated Cost.**

The estimated cost of the Project is between **\$5** million to **\$6** million. This estimate is intended to serve merely as an indication of the magnitude of the Work. Neither the Bidder(s) nor the Contractor will be entitled to pursue a claim or be compensated due to variance in the stated estimated cost range.

**A. Supplemental Bid Items.**

1. These Bid Items, as listed in PlanetBids, may or may not be required. They may be deleted entirely or in part, by deductive change order(s), at the sole discretion of Valley Water. The sum of the Total Base Bid and the Total Supplemental Bid Items will be used to determine the lowest Bid price.

**B. Additive/Deductive Bid Items. NOT USED.****9. Contractor's License Requirement.**

The Bidder must possess a current Class A Contractor's license issued by the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Contractor's State License Board when the Bid is submitted. Regardless of whether a subcontractor must be identified at the time of Bid, each subcontractor must also be properly licensed to perform its scope of Work prior to beginning work on the Project. Listed subcontractors must be licensed at the time of Award.

**10. Mandatory, Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting.**

- A. Mandatory Virtual Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted by Valley Water on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**. The Pre-Bid meeting will convene at **10:00 a.m.** (Pacific Standard Time), virtually. The virtual meeting registration link will be posted on PlanetBids, "Bid Information" tab under the Description and Scope Section.

Anyone not in attendance at the meeting by **10:05 a.m.** will be considered late and as not having attended this mandatory Pre-Bid meeting. A Bid submitted by any Bidder not represented at the entire mandatory Pre-Bid meeting shall not be considered, and its Bid shall not be accepted. Attendance at the Pre-Bid meeting by subcontractors is not required.

- B. Attendance by the Bidder at the Pre-Bid meeting is:

1.  Mandatory
2.  Optional

- C. The objective of the Pre-Bid meeting is to familiarize prospective Bidders with the site. Please confirm your intent to attend the Pre-Bid meeting 24 hours in advance by registering for the ZOOM link at the Valley Water Vendor Portal. Additional information regarding the Pre-Bid meeting will be sent to all prospective Bidders who confirm their intention to attend.

- D. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend the Pre-Bid meeting. Please send an email to [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org) to request accommodations at least two (2) business days before the Pre-Bid meeting.
- E. An executed NDA, as specified in Section 3. Availability of Bid Documents is required in order to attend this Pre-Bid meeting.

**11. Inquiries.**

- A. The Bidder must submit all requests for clarification, or interpretation of the Bid Documents in accordance with the requirements stated in Instructions to Bidders, paragraph #8. Questions During Bidding. Written questions must be submitted in PlanetBids no later than nine (9) calendar days before the deadline for receipt of Bids.
- B. Valley Water may issue written Addenda as appropriate for clarification or other purposes during the bidding period. Addenda will be posted on PlanetBids and each planholder will be notified automatically.

**12. Project Labor Agreement.**

- A. Valley Water and the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council have entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) approved by Valley Water's Board of Directors on January 11, 2022. A Project Labor Agreement is a multi-union pre-hire agreement that governs wages, benefits, work rules, and other terms and conditions of employment at a construction site. The PLA is an agency-wide agreement applicable to all Covered Projects as defined in the PLA, Article 1 Definitions. 1.7, Covered Project.

A copy of the executed PLA is in the Contract Documents in Appendix A, Project Labor Agreement.

- B. All Bidders must complete and submit Bid Form No. 11, Project Labor Agreement Acknowledgement, at the time of Bid in order for its Bid to be considered responsive.
- C. Bidders that submit a Proposal with a Total Bid Price exceeding \$2,000,000 must execute PLA Addendum A - Agreement to be Bound by the deadline stated in the Instructions to Bidders. Submission of Addendum A - Agreement to be Bound is **not** required at the time of Bid submittal.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to coordinate and schedule a Pre-Construction Conference with the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (Council) prior to starting work at the Project site. The Contractor must provide the Council with the documentation required for the Council to schedule and host a Pre-Construction Conference within 2 weeks after a Notice to Proceed is issued by Valley Water. The Contractor will be subject to the requirements stated in the Special Provisions, Article 12.05 Liquidated Damages, if the Pre-Construction Conference does not occur within

this time frame due to late submission of the required documentation by the Contractor.

**13. Prevailing Wage Requirements.**

- A. Workers employed on this Project must be paid at rates at least equal to the prevailing wage rates as determined by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code. Said wage rates are incorporated herein by reference and may be inspected upon request. Visit <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/DPreWageDetermination.htm> to view the rates available on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website. See Contract Documents, Standard Provisions, Section 4. Legal Regulations and Responsibilities, Article 4.04. Prevailing Wages, through Article 4.06. Apprentices, for related requirements.
- B. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations. The Contractor and subcontractors must furnish the records specified in California Labor Code Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner, in the following manner: monthly, in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

**14. Bid Proposal Submittal.**

Electronic Bid submittal must be at the Valley Water Vendor Portal. The Proposal must be submitted in time for all information to be transferred to PlanetBids before the Bid submission deadline. If the transfer is not completed before the Bid closes, it will be considered submitted late and the Bid Proposal will not be accepted.

**15. Bid Opening.**

The Bids shall be made available to the public to view in PlanetBids on the date and time stated in this Notice to Bidders, Section 1. Notice.

**16. Errors or Discrepancies in the Bids.**

Valley Water reserves the right to reject any and all Bid Proposals. Valley Water also reserves the right to waive minor defect(s) or irregularities in any Bid received.

**17. Bidder's Security.**

- A. Each Proposal must be submitted electronically through PlanetBids and accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the sum of not less than 10 percent of the total aggregate of the Proposal including all additive and Supplemental Bid items, if any.
- B. Bids shall be presented with an electronic Bidder's Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety, made payable to Valley Water.
- C. Bidder's Security must be submitted in the form of a verified e-Bond through either Surety2000 at <https://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu at <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding> in PlanetBids before the latest date and time

for submitting Bid Proposals as specified in Section 1. Notice. The PlanetBids Contract ID for this Project is VW0652.

1. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges.
2. Valley Water is not responsible to Bidders for (a) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (b) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (c) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

D. Paper originals of Bidder's Bond that are physically delivered to Valley Water will not be accepted.

**18. Contract Retention.**

A.  The Contract Retention for this Project is established at five (5) percent of the Contract Price.

B.  The Contract Retention for this Project is established at ten (10) percent of the Contract Price. The Board of Directors has made a finding that the Project is substantially complex and therefore requires retention higher than five (5) percent.

1. The shutdown-required work, including the installation of a line valve and vault, requires extensive coordination with a Valley Water third-party Contractor to complete internal inspections and repairs. The full scope of the internal pipeline repairs is not known until a comprehensive electromagnetic and visual inspection of the pipeline is completed and the results of the inspections have been analyzed. In addition to shutdown required work, the Project also requires the procurement of long-lead materials for the installation of large valves. The Project construction schedule requires a minimum of one year for material procurement prior to the start of pipeline shutdown. The level of precision and coordination required for this Project is unique and beyond what is customarily required of a pipeline project.

**19. Substitution of Securities.**

The Contractor may, at the Contractor's request and expense, substitute securities equivalent to the amount withheld by Valley Water to ensure the performance of the contract, in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300.

**20. Small Business Preference.**

Valley Water has elected to implement the small business preference provisions of Public Contract Code §2002(a)(1). For purposes of Valley Water's program, a small business is as defined in Government Code §14837. See <http://www.valleywater.org/construction> to view the Small Business Enterprise Outreach Program Policy.

**21. Rights of Way.**

Valley Water has all the necessary rights-of-way needed for the construction of the Project. One temporary construction easement is being negotiated for optional contractor staging. The construction contract will not be awarded by Valley Water until the right-of-way is secured.

**22. Permits.**

Staff is working to amend the Project's existing Lake Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The construction contract will be awarded by Valley Water once the LSA Agreement is signed and secured.

Staff has obtained the conditional right-of-way letters from the City of San Jose.

The final approved encroachment permit will be completed after the construction contract is awarded to the lowest bidder and the contractor information is obtained to execute and finalize the agreement. All permanent structures will be built within the existing right-of-way.

Please refer to Contract Document, Special Provisions, Section 18. Permits and Regulations, Article(s) 18.01.01. District-Obtained Permits and 18.01.02. Contractor Obtained Permits and Regulatory Deliverables.

**23. Escrow Bid Documents.**

- A. Escrow Bid Documents must be submitted by the Bidders submitting the three apparent low Bids. The Escrow Bid Documents must be submitted in a sealed container, separate from the Bidder's Bid proposal, no later than 5 p.m. on the third business day following the Bid opening. Each container shall be clearly marked on the outside with the Bidder's name, date of submittal, Project name, and the words "Escrow Bid Documents." Timely submission of these Documents and Bid Form 10 is considered material by Valley Water.
- B. The Escrow Bid Documents must be accompanied by a separate certification, **FC 1897 "Bid Form 10, Escrow Bid Documents Certification of Completeness,"** signed by an individual authorized by the bidder to execute the Bid Proposal. The Bidder certifies that the material in the Escrow Bid Documents constitutes all of the documentary information used in preparation of this Bid, and that the Bidder's authorized individual has personally examined the contents of the Escrow Bid Documents container and has determined that the Documents in the container are complete.

**24. Equal Opportunity.**

Valley Water is an equal opportunity employer, and all Contractors of Valley Water are to have and follow a policy of equal opportunity including adherence to all state and federal laws and regulations, including the Federal Equal Opportunity Clause.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California,  
on JANUARY 27, 2026.

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CANDICE KWOK-SMITH  
Clerk, Board of Directors