

C0723 – South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project**Project No. 91094009****Invitation No. VW0596****1. Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that electronic Bids (eBids) will be received by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) submitted through Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids (PlanetBids) as indicated in Section 2. Valley Water's Vendor Portal in PlanetBids, until Wednesday, September 10, 2025, by 2:00 p.m., for furnishing all material and performing all Work necessary for the construction of the South County Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 1C Project located in Gilroy, 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) documents specifying the requirements of the Work and the details of the NTB 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.

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. Project Description

1. The Project scope includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Furnish, install, and test approximately 3,200 linear feet of 24-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline and associated appurtenances.
 - b. Furnish, install, and test a 12-inch diameter welded steel pipeline and associated appurtenances to connect the existing 12-inch recycled water pipeline to the new 24-inch diameter pipeline at the Princeville Storm Drain. The Contractor is advised that the existing treatment plant discharge piping will be shut down for eight (8) hours to allow for the connection of the existing 12-inch recycled water pipeline and the new 24-inch diameter pipeline. The Contractor is referred to Article 16.01 for general and shutdown constraints.
 - c. Furnish, install, and test all above- and below-grade and vaulted pipeline appurtenances and associated lateral piping, structures, foundations, and all other related work shown on the Drawings and detailed in the Specifications.
 - d. Furnish, install, and test all cathodic protection systems and associated components as shown on the Drawings and detailed in the Specifications.
 - e. Restore all impacted sites to a condition equal to or better than that existing prior to construction.
2. The scope of Work is comprised of 4 Milestones:
 - a. Milestone 1: Immediate Submittals, Mobilization and Implement SWPPP. The Contractor shall complete Milestone 1 before the expiration of 30 Days from the first chargeable day of the Contract.

- b. Milestone 2: Utility Exploratory Investigation. The Contractor shall complete Milestone 2 before the expiration of 50 Days from the first chargeable day of the Contract.
- c. Milestone 3: Phase 1C Pipeline Installation and Phase Completion - SUPPLEMENTAL WORK. The Contractor shall complete Milestone 3 before April 10, 2026.
- d. Milestone 4: Project Completion and Close-out Work. The Contractor shall complete Milestone 4 before May 7, 2026.

B. Sole Source Products. **NOT USED.**

6. Contract Time.

Time limit for completion of the Work is **185** 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 **\$2** million to **\$4** 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 before beginning Work on the Project.

10. Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit.

- A. A Pre-Bid meeting and site visit will be conducted by Valley Water on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025**. The Pre-Bid meeting and site visit will convene at **10:00 a.m.** (Pacific Standard Time), at **6351 CAMERON BOULEVARD, GILROY**, CA 95020.

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

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

1. ☒ Mandatory
2. ☐ Optional

- C. The objective of the Pre-Bid meeting/site visit is to familiarize prospective Bidders with the site. Please confirm your intent to attend the Pre-Bid meeting/site visit 24 hours in advance by registering at the Valley Water Vendor Portal. Additional information regarding the Pre-Bid meeting/site visit will be sent to all prospective Bidders who confirm their intention to attend.
- D. Valley Water will require all participants to bring and wear the appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) in order to be allowed entrance onto the site and to remain on the site.
- E. 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 to request accommodations at least two (2) business days before the 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.

- B. A copy of the executed PLA is in the Contract Documents in Appendix A, Project Labor Agreement.
- C. The Contractor must execute Project Labor Agreement, Addendum A - Agreement to be Bound and submit in accordance with 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. The Bidder 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.
- E. 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 **VW0596**.
 - 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.

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.

A. This Project will be constructed within Valley Water's existing rights-of-way.

22. Permits.

- A. The Contractor will be required to obtain permits from the City of Gilroy and County of Santa Clara for the use of public right of way. See Contract Documents, Special Provisions, Article 18.01. for Permits and Agreements
- B. Valley Water secured all its necessary permits to construct the Project. Please refer to Contract Document, Article(s) 18.01.01. District-Obtained Permits.

23. Escrow Bid Documents. NOT USED.**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.

25. External Funding Requirements. NOT USED.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California, on AUGUST 12, 2025.

ATTEST:

CANDICE KWOK-SMITH
Clerk, Board of Directors

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