NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR

High Desert Water Bank – Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project

PROJECT NO. HDWB 26-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency (the "Agency") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The Agency will receive such Bids at its Administrative Office, 6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551 up to 2:00 p.m. on December 9, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the Agency Engineer.

Discrepancies in, and/or omissions from the Bid or Contract Documents or questions as to their meaning shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Agency by submission of a written request for an interpretation or clarification to the Agency. Such submission, if any, must be sent to Joseph Roberts at jroberts@avek.org. Questions must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2026. Questions received after this date and time may not be answered.

Any interpretation of the Contract Documents will be made only by written addenda duly issued by the Agency. The Agency will not be responsible for any explanations or interpretations provided in any other manner. No person is authorized to make any oral interpretation of any provision in the Contract Documents to any bidder, and no bidder should rely on any such oral interpretation.

In general, the WORK shall consist of the groundwater pumping and conveyance facilities – see "BASE AMOUNT" in the BID SHEETS. The WORK includes but is not limited to the following:

A. Bis Schedule A Work: Inclusive of all Work described in the Contract and Volume 1 – Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project Technical Specifications.

   a. Mobilize and demobilize all required equipment for the construction of the Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project as described by these contract documents, specifications, and plans.

   b. Construction and operation of the temporary construction water equipment and dust control measures.

   c. Construction of temporary SWPPP controls as required for the Contractor's NPDES construction permit.

   d. The start up and testing of all facilities constructed under the Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project.

   e. The final surveying, as-built markups, and evaluation of the constructed facilities.

B. Bid Schedule B Work: Inclusive of All Work described and shown in Volume 2 – Stage 3 Recovery System Improvements Technical Specifications and Volume 3 – Stage 3 Recovery System Improvements Drawings.

a. Rough grading of 3 earthen well equipment embankments.

b. Fine grading of 27 well equipment embankments, including the removal, salvaging, and replacement of existing surface treatments.

c. Rough and fine grading of the Control Center embankment.

d. Grading of dirt access paths.

e. Construction of conveyance pipelines ranging from 12-inches to 30-inches in diameter.

f. Construction of well site civil features including but not limited to concrete equipment pads, concrete foundations, chain-link fencing and rolling gates.

g. Construction of well mechanical equipment including, but not limited to, deep well vertical turbine pumps, well discharge piping, valving, and fittings.

h. Construction of well electrical equipment including, but not limited to, transformers, switchgears, motors, drivers, site lighting, cable, and conduit.

i. Construction of controls and communications equipment including, but not limited to, programmable logic controllers, telemetry equipment, and 3 radio communication towers.

j. Construction of the Operations Center concrete masonry unit building, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, lighting, and architectural finishes.

k. Design of the Storage Facility engineered metal building.

l. Construction of the Storage Facility engineered metal building, electrical, lighting, and architectural finishes.

m. Construction of the Control Building site fire water and domestic water storage, pumping, and conveyance systems.

n. Construction of the Control Building site transformer, MCC, ductbanks, handholes, and lighting.

o. Construction of the Control Building site perimeter fencing and motorized rolling gates.

p. Construction of the Control Center site concrete driveway and surface finishes.

q. Rip rap armoring of recharge basin berms

r. Construction of the site perimeter fencing and gates

C. Bid Schedule C Work: Inclusive of all Work described and shown in Volume 4 – Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project Technical Specifications and Volume 5 – On-Site Power Distribution Drawings.

a. Rough grading of 1 earthen substation embankment.

b. Placement of rip rap flood protection.

c. Grading and surfacing of 1,138 linear feet of access road.

d. Construction of 12kV overhead power distribution circuits and poles.

e. Construction 12kV underground service drops and termination of circuits at service transformers.

f. Termination of the 12kV circuits at the SCE permeable substation switchboard.

Project Location

The project is located within the area bounded by the State Water Project East Branch to the south, 280th Street W to the east, 300th Street W to the west and West Avenue A to the north in the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County, Antelope Valley, California. The specific Recovery Wells are within the area bounded as described above and are referenced on the plans and construction documents.

Schedule of Construction

Construction of the Stage 3 Recovery and Power Distribution Project shall be accomplished within 730 calendar days.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online only by emailing Joseph Roberts, at jroberts@avek.org.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 10, 2026 at 10 a.m. at 6500 West Avenue N., Palmdale, CA, 93551 followed by a mandatory site visit. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall 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 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq*., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director

of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

Since this Project is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, the work must also comply with the minimum rates for wages for laborers and mechanics as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the provisions of Davis-Bacon. The federal minimum wage rates for this Project are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor. These rates are available directly from the Department of Labor at http://sam.gov/wage-determinations. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate.

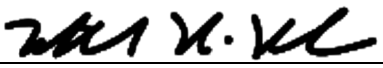
BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the Agency and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the Agency General Counsel. Failure to enter into the Contract with the Agency, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A General Engineering Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current business license issued by the City of Palmdale.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the Agency or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the Agency make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the Agency General Counsel.

BIDDING PROCESS. The Agency reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

By:



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10/21/2026
Date