

MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

For the construction of the Reservoir Seismic Retrofit and Replacement Project for Bella Vista Reservoir located within the Montecito Water District (“District”) located in Santa Barbara County, California.

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this Notice Inviting Bids shall have the same meaning given to them in the “General Conditions” adopted by District. Each Bidder must submit all of the items described in Section I-1 of the Instructions to Bidders provided by District (the “Instructions to Bidders”) and all of those items shall collectively constitute the “Bid.”

N-1. Bid Submittal and Opening

District hereby invites sealed Bids for constructing reservoir seismic retrofits in accordance with District’s Contract Documents for Project No. P134. Bids shall be submitted electronically via email to David Wong at dwong@montecitowater.com at or before 12:00 PM on October 22, 2026 at which time all Bids will be opened electronically and declared publicly at District’s main office, at 583 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, California 93108. Bidders, their representatives, and other interested parties, are invited to be present at the opening either in person or via teleconference at: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1655026060>. The meeting ID is 165 502 6060.

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to see that the Bid is submitted and received on time and to be able to submit verification of same upon request. Bids submitted after the time specified will be rejected pursuant to California Government Code Section 53068.

N-2. Description of Work

The Work generally involves the seismic retrofit of the Bella Vista Reservoir consisting of the placement of reinforced concrete within the structure, installation of a new access hatch and an on-site temporary water system.

N-3 Location of Work

The work site is located as follows:

Bella Vista Reservoir – 2750 Bella Vista Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

N-4. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit (the “Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit”) will be held at the District’s office on September 23, 2026 10:00 AM. If Bidders cannot attend the meeting above, they may request an alternative date to visit the Site with District staff. Any alternative Site visit requests must be made via email to David Wong at dwong@montecitowater.com by 5:00 PM on October 1, 2026.

At the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit, Bidders will have the opportunity to visit the Site and ask questions regarding the local conditions, construction, labor difficulties and restrictions related to the performance of the Work under the Contract.

In order for a Bid to qualify for consideration in making an award, the Bidder shall have a responsible representative present for the entire duration of the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit. Bids received from Bidders not represented at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated for award.

N-5. Contract Documents

Contract Documents are available for download from the District’s website at <https://montecitowater.com/our-water/capital-projects-rfp/>. Contract Documents are provided to potential Bidders specifically for bid consideration and preparation purposes. The Contract Documents are the property of District and receipt of those documents by potential Bidders does not confer any property right to potential Bidders. Potential Bidders shall not post or share the Contract Documents in any publicly available location on the internet or elsewhere. Potential Bidders are permitted to share Contract Documents with potential Subcontractors and/or potential material Suppliers related to the Work, solely for the preparation of a Bid for the Work. Posting or sharing of the Contract Documents for any purpose other than those set forth herein may result in disqualification of any Bid submitted, and such determination shall be in the sole discretion of District.

N-6. Bid Security

Each Bid must be accompanied by cash, a cashier’s check or certified check made payable to “Montecito Water District,” or a Bidder’s Bond as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (the “Bidder’s Security”) as a guaranty that the Bidder shall, if awarded the Contract, (i) execute the Contract in accordance with the Bid as accepted by the District, (ii) furnish the required payment and performance bonds and bonding company documentation, (iii) provide satisfactory evidence that the Bidder’s Superintendent, Project Manager, and all other designated employees meet the experience and certification requirements in this Notice Inviting Bids, and (iv) provide satisfactory evidence that all required insurance coverages have been secured. The Bidder’s Security shall be in an amount that is at least ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount of the Bidder’s Bid.

N-7. Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Warranty

The Bidder that is awarded the Contract (the “Successful Bidder”) shall be required to obtain the insurance required by the Contract Documents and furnish a faithful performance bond and a payment bond. The amount of each bond shall be at least 100% of the total amount payable by the terms of the Contract. The faithful performance bond shall provide that it shall remain in full force and effect during the life of any guarantee or warranty required under the Contract.

N-8. Prevailing Wages

The Successful Bidder and its agents, employees and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, including those relating to the payment of prevailing wage rates. A schedule of prevailing wage rates may be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/dlsePublicWorks.html>. The Successful Bidder shall be required to pay at least the wage rates set forth in that schedule. The Successful Bidder shall be required to pay the higher of the wage rates set forth in that schedule and the schedule of Federal Prevailing Wages as set forth in Section N-15, below.

N-9. Bidder’s Licenses and Experience

Each Bidder shall be licensed by the California Contractors State License Board as a Class A General Engineering Contractor at the time of submitting the Bid or the Bid will be rejected. If a Bid is submitted on behalf of a joint venture, each participant in the joint venture shall possess a valid Class A California contractor’s license at the time the Bid is submitted. If the Successful Bidder is a joint venture, the Successful Bidder must obtain an appropriate license in the name of the joint venture within 15 Calendar Days of the date District mails the notice of the award to the Successful Bidder. Failure of the Successful Bidder to obtain proper and adequate licensing in a timely manner shall constitute a failure by the Successful Bidder to execute the Contract and shall result in forfeiture of the Bidder’s Security.

In order for a Bid to be considered, the Bidder shall have the minimum experience as required by Specification Section 01400 – Quality and Experience Requirements.

N-10. Fabricators’ and Manufacturers’ Experience

Fabricators and manufacturers of materials and equipment to be supplied are required to have successfully and regularly provided similar products of comparable size and type that have been in satisfactory service for at least 5 years. If required by the Specifications, manufacturers of equipment to be supplied shall have a local service representative and sufficient local inventories of spare parts.

N-11. Requests for Information or Clarification (RFI/RFC)

All requests for information or clarification shall be submitted via email to David Wong at dwong@montecitowater.com. No questions will be answered after 5:00 p.m. seven Calendar Days in advance of the bid opening date.

If a response is made which modifies the Contract Documents, it will be posted electronically on the District's website at <https://montecitowater.com/our-water/capital-projects-rfp/> as an addendum for the benefit of all prospective registered Bidders and without identification of the source of the inquiry.

N-12. Substitution of Securities

Subject to the requirements of California Public Contract Code Section 22300, the Successful Bidder shall be permitted to substitute securities for money that would otherwise be withheld by District under the Contract.

N-13. Offensive Conduct

If any representative of a Bidder, potential Subcontractor, or potential Supplier engages in hostile or harassing behavior, uses abusive or offensive language, attempts to intimidate by words or actions, or otherwise engages in offensive or disorderly conduct at any time during the bid period, District may declare that Bidder, Subcontractor and/or Supplier to be disqualified and ineligible to bid or otherwise participate in the project. If this type of conduct occurs at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit or during any Site visit, the representative may be asked to leave. Each Bidder acknowledges that any Bid received from a disqualified Bidder will be deemed non-responsive, and any Bid that includes a disqualified Subcontractor or Supplier will be deemed non-responsive and will not be evaluated for award.

N-14. District's Rights

District reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive minor informalities or irregularities not affecting substantial rights, reject one part of a Bid and accept the other, and delay award of the Contract for a period of up to 60 Calendar Days after the bid opening date.

N-15. Federally Assisted Construction

Bidders are advised that federal funds will be used for construction, which carries certain federal contract requirements found within the Instructions to Bidders and Contract Documents, including the Special Conditions. The Bidders' attention is specifically directed to the Special ASADRA and Federal Provisions and Specifications in the Contract Documents which include Federal Prevailing Wage Requirements. Current federal prevailing rates of wages may be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/davisbacon.html. The current Davis-Bacon Wage Determination is included in Appendix F.

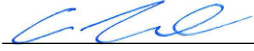
N-16. Labor Compliance

In accordance with the requirements of the Labor Code, the Contractor is notified as follows:

- This project is subject to California prevailing wages. The applicable California prevailing wage rate(s) can be found at www.dir.ca.gov and are on file with District's principal office, which shall be available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor is also required to have a copy of the applicable wage determination posted and/or available at each jobsite.
- The District, public entity for which Work is being performed, or the California Department of Industrial Relations may impose penalties upon Contractors and/or Subcontractors for failure to comply with prevailing wage requirements. These penalties are up to \$200 per day per worker for each wage violations identified; \$100 per day per work for failure to provide the required paperwork and documentation requested within a 10 day window; and \$25 per day per worker for any overtime violation.
- No Contractor or Subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].
- No Contractor or Subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Contractors MUST be a registered "public works contractor" with the DIR AT THE TIME OF BID. Where the prime contract is less than \$15,000 for maintenance work or less than \$25,000 for construction alternation, demolition or repair work, registration is not required.
- This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
- All certified payroll information, including all additional labor compliance documents, must be submitted through the use of LCPtracker. Hard copy payrolls and eCPRs are not acceptable.
- The District has hired a consultant to audit the certified payroll and ensure that all labor compliance requirements have been met. The contractor shall comply with the District and it's consultant's requests for payroll and related labor compliance documents, including the use of LCP Tracker.

MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT

Dated: September 3, 2026



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