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Planning

Southern Water Andover Link Main (ALM) Pipeline Construction & Connection

Southern Water Services Limited

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Scope

Reference

Prj_7195

Description

There is a need to mitigate areas of deficit in the Hampshire region up to a 1:200 year drought event, in accordance with WRMP19 / WRMP24 and a Section 20 Agreement and to provide daily resilient water resource transfers. ALM aims to connect Winchester and Andover via a new potable water pipeline providing both drought and operational resilience. Its delivery contributes to the protection of fragile ecosystems around the rivers Test and Itchen.

To facilitate this, a water supply system between resource zones, i.e. Hampshire Southampton East, Hampshire Winchester and Hampshire Andover, referred to as the Andover Link Main (ALM) is proposed as an investment by Southern Water, which would include the following components;

1 – Olivers Battery WBS MEICA upgrade

2 – New Crab Wood WSR to Micheldever Road WSR pipeline (~22km @ DN500)

3 – Cross connection to Micheldever Road WSR and associated pipework including new inlets and flow control valve arrangement

4 – New Micheldever Road WSR to River Way WSW pipeline (~2.9km @ DN400)

5 – River Way WSW installation of a new WBS

A key project component schematic is provided in the Sourcing Portal RFI

<https://southernwater.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=59781>

Southern Water have developed the scheme proposal to early outline design and are planning to complete this phase of work which would be provided within the tender documentation should Southern Water take the project to open market, comprising a detailed design and construction package, with enabling work to be completed prior to construction. This will also include support to discharge planning conditions and submission of certain environmental consent and permits.

Total value (estimated)

- £50,000,000 excluding VAT
- £50,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 29 March 2030
- 3 years, 11 months, 29 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45232150 - Works related to water-distribution pipelines
- 45231300 - Construction work for water and sewage pipelines
- 45232100 - Ancillary works for water pipelines

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 June 2025

Engagement process description

SWS are running a request for information relating to this project. To take part in this engagement please follow this link:

<https://southernwater.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=59781>

and if not registered, register for SWS sourcing portal to access the RFI.

For the avoidance of doubt, the purpose of the market engagement notice and Request

for Information (RFI) is to conduct a market testing exercise only, and will not formally begin the procurement nor constitute any commitment by Southern Water to undertake any procurement exercise nor form a commercial strategy in a particular form. Any follow-up discussions are solely for information and planning purposes.

The answers you provide will be invaluable to informing Southern Water's understanding of the market and provide insight as to how we best deliver value for money to our customers.

The RFI will run from Monday 19th May to Friday 6th June, this period may be extended if SWS feel it beneficial to do so. Any changes to the timings will be communicated via our portal to parties who have expressed an interest and on our opportunity board.

We may undertake more targeted engagement with interested suppliers by interview.

We may run subsequent market engagement events as required.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

Southern Water Services Limited

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