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Planning

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

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Andover Link Main (ALM) scheme is being delivered by Southern Water Services (SWS) under the Major Projects Directorate. The ALM project is part of the WRMP programme and is associated with SWS's agreement with the EA under Section 20 of the Water Resources Act 1991 put in place following Public Inquiry to reduce our abstraction licenses for public water supply. Its purpose is to provide environmental protection for the rivers Test and Itchen. The WRMP Programme aims to create greater resilience to water shortages, especially during dry weather and droughts. Existing abstraction licences for the River Test and River Itchen have been substantially reduced through changes required by the Environment Agency to protect the rivers, both designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and the River Itchen as Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Additional licence changes will bring further reductions. These rivers are key examples of rare chalk stream habitat which support a wide variety of species. The

Proposed Scheme will support environmental improvement by increasing the protection of these rivers while addressing the need for secure water supply.

The ALM scheme involves approximately 25km of below-ground pipeline connecting critical infrastructure between Winchester and Andover, alongside upgrades to existing and new booster stations. It aims to deliver a bi-directional transfer capacity of 15Ml/d by March 2030, ensuring both strategic drought resilience and operational reliability for the isolated Andover Water Resource Zone (WRZ).

SWS delivery strategy is to appoint a single Principal Contractor to design and build Andover Link Main, delivery to include 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. The Principal Contractor will act as a Tier 1 provider and sub-contract specialist elements. Southern Water have developed the scheme proposal to early outline design and are planning to complete this phase of work to enable the design to be realigned with the ITT, post participation stage, 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)

- £70,000,000 excluding VAT
- £84,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 June 2026 to 31 January 2030
- 3 years, 7 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45232150 - Works related to water-distribution pipelines

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Qualification criteria at Participation Stage will be shared when the tender is issued

Technical ability conditions of participation

Proven technical capability detailing experience of a similar scope and scale to Andover Link Main using case studies

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 September 2025

Enquiry deadline

10 October 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

27 October 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

If you are interested in bidding for this tender, please be aware that you will need to have registered on the central digital platform before you will be able to bid. This will require you to complete some information and then you will be provided with a unique identifier. For more information on how to register, please follow the below link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67b5f15ebd116e3d7b1cf2d4/20250224_Act_Now_A_guide_for_suppliers_A4_v2.0_FINAL.pdf

You will also need to register on SWS Jaggaer Sourcing Portal

<https://southernwater.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	Criteria Headings % Methodology 20 Programme 20 Cost Management 20 Stakeholder Engagement 10 Team 10 Digital 10 Local Skills & Employment 10	Quality	50%
Commercial	Activity Schedule to define target cost	Cost	50%

Other information

Payment terms

TBC

Description of risks to contract performance

TBC

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

To be finalised but it is anticipated:

Participation Stage and shortlisting to ITT

ITT stage 1 to include Interim assesment and shortlisting to ITT stage 2

ITT stage 2 Final Tenders (BAFO) and negotiations

Preferred Supplier Stage

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

On SWS Sourcing Portal Jaggaer <https://southernwater.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBJQ-2231-ZRPG

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