
Meeting Date: August 19, 2026

Staff Contact: David Laughlin, Division Manager Central Engineering

TITLE: C-26-13 – Approval of Contract for B2027000001 DWTP Large Scale Recharge Expansion Wells, ASR-02 and ASR-03 Project No. 26-075

ACTION: Recommend Approval

Summary:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) issued a Request for Bid (RFB) B2027000001 to solicit Bids from qualified contractors to enhance long-term water supply resilience through expanded Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) capacity including the addition of two new dedicated ASR well sites – ASR-02 and ASR-03 –that will store treated surface water from the San Juan-Chama project in the aquifer for later recovery. This approval would allow the Water Authority to contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for completion of this project.

The RFB was advertised in the local newspaper, and available for download on the Water Authority's eProcurement website, Bidnet. Bids were opened for the above-referenced RFB on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. The bids will be reviewed and evaluated by Molzen Corbin and Water Authority staff.

The Water Authority staff recommend a contract for this project be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. We anticipate identifying the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and total contract amount by the end of day on August 17, 2026. The bidding process was delayed due to difficulties that contractors experienced in obtaining pricing from their suppliers. The Water Authority will have a substitution at the board meeting and submit a revised communication that delineates the final award. The substituted documents will include the name of the contractor that will be awarded the project and the total amount of the contract per the bidding process.

Resolution R-18-14 requires board approval for any purchase in an amount exceeding \$500,000.

Approval of this item will delegate signature authority to the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for completion of this project. Approval of this item shall also serve as delegation of authority for the Executive Director to approve all future amendments to this contract, if any.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total estimated expenditure of this project is expected to exceed \$500,000.