



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **BORDER SANITATION PROJECT MOVES FORWARD**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction of the upgrade of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) in San Diego, California. The RFP was issued July 18 and a site visit was held with prospective contractors on August 21. The RFP seeks bids for construction of a secondary treatment process at the existing SBIWTP. Bid documents are due in October and a contract is expected to be awarded in 2008.

The SBIWTP currently provides advanced primary treatment of 25 million gallons per day of wastewater emanating from Tijuana, Mexico. The RFP seeks bids for construction of facilities to provide secondary treatment for effluent from the existing advanced primary plant. The secondary plant will be constructed adjacent to the existing SBIWTP. The RFP calls for a construction period of two years and with no interruption in operations of the SBIWTP.

Drawings and specifications for the project were completed in July 2008. According to the RFP for the construction contract, major project elements include site preparation as well as construction of aeration basins, secondary clarifiers, air blower buildings, facilities associated with the activated sludge treatment process, an administration/lab control building, operations and maintenance building, and emergency power generation.

Bidders' proposals will be evaluated based on cost, schedule, project experience, project performance, key personnel experience, safety, and quality management.

Once completed, the project will provide a higher level of treatment for effluent from the SBIWTP in compliance with Clean Water Act standards. SBIWTP effluent is discharged into the Pacific Ocean 3.5 miles offshore through the South Bay Ocean Outfall.

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