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IMCO, Stantec receive Top Project award for design-build construction work on 14.4-mile water pipeline for Mountain Home AFB, funded by the Idaho Water Resource Board

BOISE - (Nov. 5, 2026) – The Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resiliency Project received a Top Project award in the Infrastructure/Utility division, sponsored by the Idaho Business Review, in an awards ceremony on Oct. 8, 2026, at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) funded the $27 million project. IMCO General Construction Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) were the design-build team that built a 14.4-mile pipeline and pump intake station on C.J. Strike Reservoir, to provide a long-term, sustainable source of surface water for Mountain Home AFB.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Mountain Home AFB officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new $94 million drinking water treatment plant, set to open in January, about two years after the pipeline project was completed by IWRB and the contractors. The pipeline project was completed one week ahead of schedule and approximately $10M under budget.

“The project design was guided by a clear objective: deliver a simple, reliable, and cost-effective water supply system to meet the urgent needs of Mountain Home Air Force Base while remaining manageable for the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB),” said IMCO Design-Build Manager Todd Pike.

They ordered the HDPE pipe early-on to get the best price and ensure the project stayed on schedule.

“Key design decisions, including optimized pipeline depth, simplified controls, and right-sized hydraulic profiles, ensured the system delivered high performance without excess cost or operational burden,” Pike said. “In execution, the contracting team demonstrated exceptional quality and craftsmanship under highly challenging conditions. Construction through hard basalt rock, within a constrained canyon site, and near a sensitive reservoir required precision and adaptability.

“Complex installations such as high-pressure systems and horizontal directional drilling beneath critical infrastructure—including a 350-foot bore under a five-lane highway—were executed with a high level of technical expertise and attention to detail.”

“The team exceeded expectations in both delivery and outcomes,” said Michael Fuss, Senior Principal and Practice Leader for Stantec. “By phasing design and construction, the project was completed in approximately half the time of a conventional delivery method, significantly reducing overhead and costs. IMCO also went beyond contractual requirements by proactively leading coordination efforts across nine permitting agencies and multiple stakeholders, helping to avoid delays and streamline

approvals. Throughout the project, the team continuously refined solutions to improve efficiency while maintaining quality."

Brian Patton, IWRB Executive Officer, noted that securing a long-term sustainable water supply for Mountain Home AFB took more than 12 years, with Gov. Brad Little and former Gov. Butch Otter placing a high priority on the project, in addition to former House Speaker and Lt. Gov. Scott Bedke providing leadership at the legislative level.

"We were pleased to complete the project on time and under budget, thanks to the design-build approach, which gave us and the contractors maximum flexibility when changes were needed mid-stream," Patton said. "The contractors performed in a highly efficient manner and kept their eye on the ball when it came to schedule and budget. We appreciated that, considering this was state-funded project where we take our fiduciary responsibility very seriously."

"IMCO is extremely proud of this project and the way IMCO, Stantec, and the other team members came together to tackle the constructability and permitting challenges for this important project. Mike Morrison and the IWRB were especially great to work with. This project required a high level of engagement from their team, and they did a great job managing the interface with the many key stakeholders," said Brett Himes, IMCO's Vice President of Operations.

Added Michael Fuss with Stantec, "This project demonstrates what can be achieved when partners and clients work together toward a shared goal. Stantec is proud to be part of the project team that has advanced long-term water resilience for Mountain Home Air Force Base and supporting the community."

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