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SDS will create regional economic stimulus: The Southern Delivery System (SDS) will infuse capital and bring jobs to Southern Colorado during construction. The project's overall cost – estimated between \$1.09 billion and \$1.21 billion – depends on which of the two alignments being considered is approved and implemented. Regardless of the alignment, the project will have a significant impact on employment and spending in the region.

The first phase of construction is currently scheduled to run from 2009 to 2012. Under the Proposed Action – a pipeline starting at Pueblo Reservoir – El Paso County would see an investment of \$443 million in the materials and labor to install 35 miles of underground pipe, to build a water treatment plant and two raw water pump stations, and to construct other infrastructure. Of that, \$133 million is expected to be spent on labor. In addition, Pueblo County would see an investment of \$179 million in construction costs, of which \$58 million is expected to be spent on labor.

For the Highway 115 Alternative – a pipeline starting in Fremont County – El Paso County would see an investment of \$557 million to build 38 miles of underground pipe, a water treatment plant and other infrastructure. Of that sum, \$178 million would be spent on labor. In addition, Fremont County would see an investment of \$216 million in construction spending, of which \$63 million would be spent on labor.

Either alternative will involve the hiring of hundreds of construction workers. Between 50 to 75 percent of these workers are expected to come from the local region. These workers will spend money in local stores, restaurants, gas stations and motels, multiplying the project's economic impact.

Following is a breakdown of the estimated economic impacts:
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