

COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Work Session Discussion: Airbuild, Inc. Infrastructure Pods — Presented

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RECOMMENDATION: Information only. No action required at this time.

SUMMARY

San Juan County staff were introduced to Airbuild, Inc. through the Utah Inland Port Authority, which has been exploring innovative infrastructure and logistics solutions across the state. Airbuild specializes in modular "Pod" infrastructure systems designed to provide integrated water, carbon, and energy solutions.

The purpose of this work session is to brief the Commission on potential opportunities for collaboration with Airbuild, explore how these systems could align with the County's economic development and infrastructure priorities, and receive Commission input on whether to continue exploring a partnership.

Potential areas for discussion include:

- Establishing two or more project zones (municipalities, unincorporated areas, or tribal lands) for potential pilot deployment.
- Connecting Airbuild's technology to County priorities such as housing, water security, renewable energy, and business infrastructure.
- Exploring state-level and federal funding opportunities in coordination with UIPA and other partners.
- Outlining stakeholder engagement with municipalities, tribal governments, and local communities.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County has been reviewing its priorities and seeking innovative solutions to address needs in housing, water, energy, and infrastructure. Through the Utah Inland Port Authority, we were introduced to Airbuild, whose Pod technology offers practical, scalable options that could align well with our community goals. This work session provides an opportunity to learn more and consider next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this stage. This work session is exploratory only. Any future fiscal implications would depend on project proposals, available grant funding, and Commission approval before commitments are made.