



Press Release

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High-Speed Rail Authority Takes Steps to Advance Work in Northern California

SAN JOSE, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Environmental and Engineering Services for the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section and the San Jose to Merced Project Section of the high-speed rail program. The Authority is seeking a qualified firm to provide the professional services required for the completion of the environmental documentation and preliminary engineering for these sections. The RFQ comes as the Authority continues to advance the nation's first high-speed rail system.

The Authority has already begun moving the high-speed rail program forward in the Northern California region through a partnership with Caltrain which will electrify Caltrain's 51-mile rail commuter corridor that stretches from downtown San Francisco to San Jose's Diridon Station. The Authority is providing \$705 million to support the electrification project and installation of Positive Train Control that will allow for the future integration of high-speed rail.

"This work, along with rail modernization already underway in the Bay Area, will support the advancement of bringing high-speed rail to the region," said Northern California Regional Director Ben Tripousis. "Awarding this contract will allow us to continue implementation of our 30-percent Small Business participation goals, which provide California businesses the opportunity to help deliver this transformative infrastructure project."

The contract is estimated at \$36 million for a three-year term, and Statements of Qualifications are due September 14. The Authority is hosting a Pre-Bid Conference on August 12, at the Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The event will allow interested firms to network and learn about the details and requirements of the contract, as well as give them information on how to bid and the importance of small business participation.

The San Francisco to San Jose Project Section is approximately 51 miles between the 4th and King St. Station in San Francisco and Caltrain's Tamien Station in San Jose. The San Jose to Merced Project Section is approximately 84 miles and travels from the Caltrain San Jose Diridon Station to the western limit of the Central Valley Wye at the intersection of Carlucci Road and Henry Miller Avenue, approximately nine miles northeast of Los Banos in Merced County.

The RFQs are available on the Authority's website at:

http://www.hsr.ca.gov/About/Doing_Business_with_HSR/contracts_for_bid.html.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra

Pre-Bid Conference for Request for Qualifications for Environmental and Engineering Services

RFQ No. HSR 15-34

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is seeking Statements of Qualifications for Environmental and Engineering Services for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced project sections.

The Authority intends to enter into a contract with a qualified firm to provide professional services required for the completion of the environmental documentation and preliminary engineering for the corridor. The resulting contract will include the Board-adopted 30 percent Small Business participation goal.

Please join representatives from the Authority at this Pre-Bid Conference to network and learn more about the requirements of the contract, how to submit statements and the importance of small business participation.

Meeting Schedule

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sign-In & Networking
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Formal Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Tripousis, <i>Northern California Regional Director</i>• Alice Rodriguez, <i>Small Business Advocate</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Networking

Meeting facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. For additional information or assistance, please call 408-277-1086 or email northern.california@hsr.ca.gov.