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## High-Speed Rail Authority Selects ARCADIS U.S. Inc. to Oversee Next Phase of Construction

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board of Directors announced today that ARCADIS U.S. Inc. (ARCADIS) was awarded the Project and Construction Management (PCM) contract for Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3). ARCADIS was selected after months of interviews and reviews of qualifications during a competitive bidding process among five world renowned firms. The purpose of the PCM contract is to provide design and construction oversight for CP 2-3. This oversight minimizes construction risks and ensures Californians delivery of a high-speed rail system meets the mandates of Proposition 1A.

“Awarding the Project and Construction Management contract is another significant step forward for this program,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “Partnering with ARCADIS will help provide California with a high-speed rail system worthy of our state. Their experience, expertise, and employment opportunities will be a tremendous asset to the high-speed rail program and the Central Valley.”

As an additional layer of project oversight, ARCADIS will work with the Authority and the Design Build (DB) contractor (to be selected) to identify, manage and mitigate project risks and make sure technical and contract requirements, including costs, are met for CP 2-3. Specific PCM duties include oversight of inspection and testing of the high-speed train infrastructure, technical and environmental compliance including hazmat oversight, utility relocation, construction safety and public outreach. Under the agreed upon contract, ARCADIS could receive up to \$71.86 million based on actual work performed over a period of approximately five years.

ARCADIS, and their parent company, ARCADIS NV, are respected industry leaders in construction management, design and consulting. Some of their past projects include the Germany Ebensfeld-Erfurt High-Speed Rail, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority’s Metro Regional Connector Transit Corridor, the Port of Long Beach’s Middle Harbor Phase 1 construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hurricane Katrina Levee Reconstruction and the Chicago Transit Authority’s Wilson Transfer Station Reconstruction. ARCADIS U.S. Inc. is headquartered in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, but will open an office in the Central Valley.

ARCADIS meets the Authority’s aggressive 30 percent goal for Small Business (SB) participation, with a commitment of 30.5 percent. In addition, the company surpasses the Authority’s 10 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and 3 percent Disadvantaged Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goals; reaching a 15.6 percent and a 4.8 percent commitment, respectively.

Work on CP 2-3 will extend in excess of 60-miles through the Central Valley beginning at East American Avenue in Fresno and continuing south to approximately one mile north of the Tulare-Kern County line. The route will bring thousands of jobs to the Central Valley, an area with one of the highest unemployment rates in California and the nation, provide environmental benefits, relieve roadway congestion and spur economic development.

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***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](https://twitter.com/cahsra)