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## Five Construction Teams Qualified to Bid on High-Speed Rail 60-Mile Segment from Fresno Toward Bakersfield

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced that five world-class construction teams are qualified to bid on the next 60-mile phase of high-speed rail construction from Fresno to the Tulare-Kern County line near Bakersfield.

“We received strong statements of qualification from five-world class teams, all of whom have expressed significant interest in helping deliver California’s high-speed rail project, a transformative investment in California’s future,” said Jeff Morales, CEO of the Authority. “This contract continues to move the project forward while creating jobs in the Central Valley.”

Meeting qualifications are the following teams in alphabetical order:

- California Rail Builders: Ferrovial Agroman US Corp. and Granite Construction Company
- Dragados/Flatiron/Shimmick: Dragados USA, Inc., Flatiron West, Inc. and Shimmick Construction Co., Inc.
- Golden State Rail Partnership: OHL USA, Inc. and Samsung E&C America, Inc.
- Skanska-Ames a Joint Venture: Skanska USA Civil West California District Inc. and Ames Construction, Inc.
- Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons, a Joint Venture: Tutor Perini Corporation, Zachry Construction Corporation and Parsons Transportation Group Inc.

In October 2013, the Authority started the process of selecting a design-build contractor by formally issuing a Request for Qualifications for Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3). Five teams submitted statements of qualifications that went thru an extensive review to establish the list of the most highly qualified teams based on experience, technical competency, ability to perform and other factors.

These qualified firms are now eligible to submit formal proposals. The Authority anticipates releasing the Request for Proposal in spring of 2014.

The selected design-build firm will be responsible for delivering final designs for bridges, culverts, trenches and tunnels, utility relocations, aerial structures, grade separations, security and drainage. The environmental clearance for the route is already underway and is anticipated to be final by spring 2014.

The \$1.5 to \$2 billion design-build contract will bring thousands of jobs to the Central Valley, an area with one of the highest unemployment rates in California and the nation. The route will also provide environmental benefits, relieve roadway congestion and spur economic development.

For more information on the high-speed rail project and the design-build contract for CP 2-3, visit:  
[http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Construction/Design\\_Build\\_Construction\\_Pkg\\_2\\_3/index.html](http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Construction/Design_Build_Construction_Pkg_2_3/index.html)

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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)