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High-Speed Rail Authority Solicits Proposals from Five World-Class Teams *Request for Proposals for Construction Package 2-3 Released*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Moving forward with the continued construction of the nation’s first high-speed rail system, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to five world-class teams inviting them to bid on the Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3) design-build contract.

CP 2-3 is the second major construction package of the high-speed rail program. It extends in excess of 60 miles through the Central Valley from East American Avenue in Fresno County to one mile north of the Kern-Tulare county line and is estimated between \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion. The selected design-build team will be responsible for delivering final designs for bridges, culverts, trenches and tunnels, utility relocations, aerial structures, grade separations, security and drainage.

“The release of the Request for Proposal is an important step in moving this transformative project forward,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “All five world-class teams passed a rigorous review process to become qualified to bid on this project. The Authority looks forward to seeing what these teams come up with and we anticipate the bids to be very competitive.”

The qualified teams invited to bid are listed below 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.

The proposals will be due to the Authority on September 2, 2014. After they are received, the Authority will thoroughly evaluate and score the teams’ proposals to determine the team offering the best overall value. The scoring will be weighed 30 percent on technical and 70 percent on price. The Authority anticipates making a decision on the best written offer in November 2014.

The Authority is hosting an Industry Forum on April 8, 2014, at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 East Acequia Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This optional event provides an opportunity for small businesses to meet with the qualified firms eligible to submit proposals.

The 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. This contract will follow the Authority’s aggressive 30 percent Small Business participation goal.

The RFP is available on the Authority's website at

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