

Resolution #HSRA 23-02

**Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for
Rail Systems Engineering Services**

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, constructing, and operating an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity transportation services (Public Utilities Code sections 185030 and 185031);

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 185036;

Whereas, the Authority may enter into architectural and engineering (A&E) contracts pursuant to Article XXII of the California Constitution, Government Code section 4525 et seq., the Authority's A&E Regulations, 21 CCR § 10000 et seq. and Board adopted policy, Contract Award Procedures for Request for Qualifications (RFQs);

Whereas, the Rail Systems Engineering Services consultant (currently part of the scope of work for the Rail Delivery Partner contract, which is set to expire) will assist the Authority with critical services related to rail and systems engineering, asset management, integration, signal/train control, high-voltage, track, stations, rail operations, input and oversight, and specialized technical expertise and delivery of the high-speed rail system that are essential to the project;

Whereas, the Authority has a continuing need for these services and will be competitively procuring the Rail Systems Engineering Services contract; and,

Whereas, based upon the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the framework for procuring these services in the draft Request for Qualifications is appropriate and reasonable.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Board authorizes Authority staff to issue an RFQ for Rail Systems Engineering Services for a contract value up to \$73.2 million. Authority staff is also authorized to make appropriate non-substantive changes to the RFQ as part of the procurement process.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Schenk; Richards; Miller; Perea; Ghielmetti; Escutia; Williams; Pena; Cohen

No: N/A

Absent: N/A

Date: February 16, 2023