

Resolution HSRA 23-06

**Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for
High-Speed Trainsets and Related 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, staff recommends a multi-stage “best value” procurement process that includes a Request for Qualifications, followed by a Request for Proposals, and negotiations with the apparent best value proposer under the authority granted pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 185036 to award contracts with private or public entities for the design, manufacturing, testing, and operation of high-speed trains, including all tasks and segments thereof; 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:

- 1) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to obtain Statements of Qualifications from entities to provide High-Speed Trainsets and Related Services, with the goal of shortlisting a qualified group to invite to participate in the Request for Proposals. The CEO, or designee of the CEO, is authorized to make any necessary modifications to the RFQ during the procurement process; and
- 2) Staff shall amend the draft RFQ prior to release to include a scored component of the Statement of Qualifications that addresses an Offeror’s plan to meet the Authority’s Small Business Program goals, including small, disadvantaged and disable veteran business entities.

Vote: 8-0

Yes: Schenk; Richards; Miller; Ghielmetti; Williams; Escutia; Camacho; Perea

No: N/A

Absent: Cohen

Date: August 24, 2023