



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
DRAFT RESOLUTION #HSRA 24-05

**Approval to Release a Request for Proposals 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(a);

Whereas, the procurement of high-speed trainsets is essential to the completion of and delivery of the project and the high-speed rail system;

Whereas, per prior Board direction the Authority is engaged in a multi-stage “best value” procurement process for high-speed trainsets and related services 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;

Whereas, the Board previously approved the release of the Request for Qualifications at its August 24, 2023 meeting;

Whereas, the Authority received and evaluated Statements of Qualifications in accordance with Board, Authority, state, and federal policies and requirements for procurements and announced in January 2024 that two qualified bidders—Alstom Transportation Inc. and Siemens Mobility Inc.—were shortlisted following this evaluation;

Whereas, the Board accepted an updated Total Expenditure Authorization at the January 18, 2024 meeting that includes costs for the first six trainsets, a driving simulator, and related services; and

Whereas, staff recommends advancing the trainsets procurement to the next phase with the release of the Request for Proposals and invitations to the shortlisted bidders to submit proposals.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain Proposals from the qualified shortlisted entities to provide High-Speed Trainsets and Related Services, with the goal of issuing a notice of proposed award by the end of 2024 and returning to the Board for

contract award and approval. The CEO, or designee of the CEO, is authorized to make any necessary modifications to the RFP during the procurement process.

Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Date:

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