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High-Speed Rail Authority Hosting Industry Forum for Potential Bidders on Construction Package 2-3

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – On October 28, 2013 the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will be hosting an Industry Forum to provide interested contractors with an opportunity to learn more about the recently issued Request for Qualifications #HSR 13-57 for Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3). Work on CP 2-3 will extend approximately 60 miles through the Central Valley beginning at East American Avenue in Fresno and continuing south to approximately one mile north of the Kern-Tulare County line near Bakersfield.

- What:** Industry Forum for CP 2-3
- When:** October 28, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Networking
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presentations from CEO Jeff Morales, Central Valley Regional Director Diana Gomez, Assistant Chief Program Manager Scott Jarvis and Small Business Advocate Robert Padilla
- Where:** Secretary of State Auditorium
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, California

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 project will also provide environmental benefits, relieve roadway congestion and spur economic development.

As part of the project's economic benefits for the region and state, the procurement is expected to attract a number of major national and international construction and design firms. Firms are likely to form teams, including large numbers of sub-consultants, to deliver work on this scale. The Authority is committed to small businesses playing a major role in delivering the high-speed rail program. The design-build contract will include the Authority's adopted 30 percent goal for small business participation in the work.

The event will be open to the public and streamed live via www.hsr.ca.gov.

About the 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. 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 www.hsr.ca.gov and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra.

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