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## High-Speed Rail Authority Issues Rail Delivery Partner Request for Qualifications

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – As California’s high-speed rail program transitions from preliminary design and planning to delivery, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding their upcoming Rail Delivery Partner (RDP) procurement.

“This is the latest major milestone for us in our work to bring the nation’s first high-speed rail system to California,” said Authority Chief Program Manager Frank Vacca. “The services we are seeking will accelerate construction to concurrent project sections and help deliver high-speed rail to Californians sooner than we previously thought possible.”

Firms will have until March 23, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. (PST) to submit their statement of qualifications. The Authority will review these applications and establish a shortlist for interviews of the most highly qualified firms to provide the Authority’s RDP services. Firms will be selected based on several criteria including past performance, key personnel and organizational structure, delivery approach, understanding of the project, and innovative ideas to deliver high-speed rail to California cost-effectively and more quickly.

The services sought by the Authority through this RFQ would have the winning firm overseeing program management, support for strategic advice, business planning, continued development and management assistance. Additional areas expand the focus to include program delivery, systems and project integration, and specialized technical expertise for the next steps in the project. RDP services enhance accountability for program delivery and project execution while also focusing on future high-speed rail related needs with expanded contract capabilities. The Authority will continue to maintain oversight and primary responsibility for strategic planning including setting Program policies and direction, project planning and determining key delivery strategies and phasing.

Authority staff received approval from the Authority Board of Directors (Board) at the November 18, 2014 meeting to seek qualified teams to provide program management, integration, and program delivery services. The Authority anticipates making a Recommendation of Award to the Board in June and beginning the transition from the current Project Management Team consultant services to the RDP shortly thereafter.

The RDP contract would be for services through 2022, which allows the firm to correspond with the beginning of high-speed rail operations.

The Authority is committed to small businesses playing a role in delivering the high-speed rail program. The RDP contract will include the Authority’s adopted 30 percent goal for small business participation in the work.

The RFQ is available online through the Authority’s website at:

[http://hsr.ca.gov/About/Doing\\_Business\\_with\\_HSR/contracts\\_for\\_bid.html](http://hsr.ca.gov/About/Doing_Business_with_HSR/contracts_for_bid.html)

All applicant questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted in writing via [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)

***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](https://twitter.com/cahsra)*

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