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## **High-Speed Rail Authority to Host Series of Statewide Small Business Certification Workshops**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In its continued outreach and assistance to small businesses, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will host a series of statewide workshops to help certify small businesses that want to participate in the statewide high-speed rail project. The Authority will provide small businesses with hands-on technical assistance which includes on-the-spot certification that can be completed online. Participants will also receive pertinent information on upcoming procurement opportunities around the state that would be of interest to their businesses.

“The Authority is committed to creating opportunities for small businesses with an aggressive 30 percent goal of participation in California’s high-speed rail program,” said Jeff Morales, Authority CEO. “We have been working to engage small businesses and encouraging them to get involved. Many of our contracts are long-term and will be a big boost economically for small businesses. We want to help small businesses prepare to work on the project.”

The Authority’s Small Business Advocate Robert Padilla added, “The initial construction in the Central Valley is expected to cost \$6 billion dollars and a significant amount of that could go to certified small businesses. These workshops are a critical part of the process for the Authority to partner with California’s small businesses.”

The first series of certification workshops will be held:

**April 17, 2013**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Wolfe Educational Center,  
723 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, California, 95340

**April 25, 2013**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Small Business Development Center  
550 East Shaw Avenue,  
Fresno, California, 93710

**May 15, 2013**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Small Business Development Center  
Orange County Board and Executive  
Rooms  
2323 N. Broadway  
Santa Ana, California, 92706

**May 22, 2013**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
City of Oakland, Computer Lab A and  
Classroom 4  
150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza  
Oakland, California, 94612

The workshops are RSVP-only events and limited to non-certified small business that meet the California Department of General Services (DGS) eligibility criteria to be certified. Specifically, that means that DGS must certify them as a Small Business (SB), Microbusiness (MB) or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) for the State of California in order for their participation to count toward the 30 percent goal.

Workshop participants should bring the following materials with them to the workshop:

- Applicant/Affiliate Federal Tax Returns for the past three (3) years
- Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) (if applicable)
- Secretary of State Number (if applicable)
- Home address of Officers, Member/Manager and Partners
- Social Security Number (if sole proprietor)
- Dunn & Bradstreet Number (if applicable)
- Contractors State License Board Number (if applicable)

The Authority will host several more workshops around the state in the coming months. If you'd like to register for the workshops, please email [sbworkshops@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:sbworkshops@hsr.ca.gov).

***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. 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 [cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra/](https://twitter.com/cahsra/).

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# Free Small Business Certification Workshops

The California High-Speed Rail Authority and its resource partners are hosting Small Business certification workshops at no cost to small businesses. The workshops will provide hands-on technical assistance for on-the-spot online certification from the California Department of General Services. Information on State of California procurement opportunities will also be shared.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Computer Lab A and Classroom #4

## **RSVP: Space is Limited**

Workshops limited to non-certified small businesses.

RSVP to [SBWorkshops@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:SBWorkshops@hsr.ca.gov)

Include full name, business name, address, contact number, and workshop location that you are interested in attending.

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**Resource Partners:** California Department of General Services, U.S. Small Business Administration, California Small Business Development Centers, Minority Business Development Agency, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Department of Veteran Affairs