

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/INDUSTRY REVIEW**

**REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR THE**

**RAIL DELIVERY PARTNER**

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The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) hereby invites interested parties to respond to this Request for Information (RFI) to provide industry input in the development and procurement of the Rail Delivery Partner (RDP) contract for the high-speed rail program (Program).

The Authority is seeking the industry's perspective and feedback on the RDP. It does not constitute a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), a Request for Proposals (RFP) or other solicitation document nor does it represent a commitment to issue any type of solicitation in the future. This RFI is part of an informational process and does not oblige the Authority to enter into any contract or agreement related to the Program. Responses to this RFI are due by 3:00 p.m. PST on January 7, 2015.

**Rail Delivery Partner Overview**

The Program is expanding from the planning and preliminary design phases to project delivery and operations. As the Authority evolves to meet these changing needs, the role of key consultants will need to be adjusted to reflect the status of the Program. The Authority has developed an approach to seek an expanded team with proven experience in both large scale program management and international high-speed rail technical delivery. The proposed RDP contract would continue to include support for strategic advice, business planning, continued development and management assistance for the Authority; and include an expanded focus on program delivery, systems and project integration, and specialized technical expertise.

**Purpose of RFI**

This RFI is intended to solicit information from individual firms, teams or others with experience and an interest in delivering the nation's first high-speed rail system. Specifically, this RFI seeks to:

- Communicate to potential private sector partners the objectives for the RDP;
- Provide an opportunity for potential respondents to articulate their interest in participating;
- Solicit input from industry on a variety of issues, including performance measures, payment at risk and scope of work.

To reach these goals, the Authority is releasing a draft version of the RFQ for comments. The draft version of the RFQ is posted on the Authority's Web-site at: <http://hsr.ca.gov/>. Responses should follow the page limits listed in the Comment form and be submitted within the timeframe listed for comments.

The information gathered from the RFI process will be used to assist the Authority, in cooperation with other stakeholders, with the preparation of any resulting procurement documents. Submissions will be reviewed to assist in refining the approach to the RDP, including scope, payment, performance

measures and the structure of any resulting agreement(s). By responding to this RFI, participants can provide valuable input and help shape the framework for the development of the RDP. Please note, that a response to this RFI is not a prerequisite to participating in any future procurement process.

### **Submission Requirements**

The Authority welcomes responses to this RFI from organizations meeting the following eligibility criteria:

1. Firms with high-speed rail experience from either design, planning, construction, operations and maintenance;
2. Firms experienced in the delivery of transit systems of similar size, complexity and scale;
3. Consultants and subcontractors with experience in delivering components of the proposed scope for the RDP;
4. Transit operators of systems of similar size, complexity and scale;
5. Other potential members of a competing team; or
6. Any parties interested in the delivery of the high-speed rail project and the process by which delivery may be procured.

### **Comments and One-on-One Meetings**

Respondents shall submit one (1) electronic copy on the "Comments on RDP" form located on the Authority's website via email to [RDP@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:RDP@hsr.ca.gov).

For Respondents identified as a prime consultant or member of a potential joint venture, the Authority will provide the opportunity for a one-on-one meeting to further discuss the comments submitted. The Authority will contact those Respondents through the information and contact person provided on the comment form. The planned timeframe for the one-on-one meetings is the week of January 12-16, 2015. All meetings will be held at the Authority's office located at 770 L Street, Suite 620, Sacramento, CA.

The one-on-one meetings are subject to the following:

- No aspect of these meetings is intended to provide any firm with access to information that is not similarly available to other firms, and no part of the evaluation will be based on the conduct or discussions that occur during these meetings.
- During one-on-one meetings, Respondents may ask questions and the Authority may provide responses. However, any responses provided by the Authority during one-on-one meetings may not be relied upon in lieu of the written terms of the RFQ.

*All comments submitted become the property of the Authority. The Authority has no obligation to respond to individual comments beyond what is included in any released Request for Qualifications.*