



BRIEFING: NOVEMBER 7, 2013 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #4

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

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RE: Award of Regional Consultant Contract for the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section

Introduction

It is the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) intent to best serve the public interest by delivering all aspects of the California High-Speed Rail Program on schedule, at the lowest possible cost, and with quality that meets or exceeds acceptable industry and government standards. In May 2013, the Board directed Staff to prepare a new approach for re-advertisement of the Architectural and Engineering (A&E) contracts for the Bakersfield to Palmdale project section. Staff developed a scope of work for the respective project sections based on need and the final drafts of the Requests for Qualification (RFQ) were presented to and approved by the Board in August 2013. (See attached Resolutions #HSRA 13-15). The RFQ's were advertised; Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) were received, evaluated, and ranked. Negotiations with the best qualified firms are complete. Staff is now seeking Board approval to enter into contracts with the best qualified firm. These contracts, as with all of the Authority's Architectural & Engineering (A&E) contracts, will contain the Board adopted 30 percent small business participation goals and a 30 day termination clause.

Background

Regional Consultants (RCs) are necessary for the completion of Project level environmental clearances as well as preliminary engineering work. The Bakersfield to Palmdale project section is 83 miles long running north from Palmdale through to the proposed high speed rail station in the City of Bakersfield. Several alignment alternatives have been identified and now require further review. The Authority had a contract with URS Corp. for work related to this section through September 30, 2013. Work completed under the contract with URS Corp. for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section includes the following:

- Scoping Report (Completed December 2009)
- Draft Purpose and Need Document (Completed December 2009)
- Draft Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (Completed September 2010)
- Draft Supplemental Alternative Analysis (Completed September 2012)

- Stakeholder and Agency Coordination

Based on a qualitative risk-based assessment completed by senior management staff, the Board approved the development of a re-advertisement approach for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section in May 2013. Authority staff has developed a scope of work for the Bakersfield to Palmdale section based on need and Board direction. The scope of work is consistent with the Authority's 2012 Business Plan and Senate Bill 1029. The work scope and RFQ was approved by the Board in August 2013. The RFQ was advertised, SOQs were received, evaluated and ranked. Negotiations with the best qualified firm, T.Y. Lin International are complete.

Established in 1954 and headquartered in San Francisco, T.Y. Lin International is a well-recognized architectural and engineering firm with fifty offices and thousands of employees worldwide. T.Y. Lin has participated in the development of signature projects in California including the recently opened Eastern Span of the Bay Bridge. T.Y. Lin served as the Program Management Oversight team for the California High-Speed Rail Project from 2010 to 2012. Authority Counsel has determined that there is no conflict of interest stemming from T.Y. Lin's previous contract.

Discussion

The procurement process for the Bakersfield to Palmdale sections has been managed directly by Authority staff consistent with the State's competitive A&E procurement processes. RFQ's were issued and A&E consultants submitted SOQs to be evaluated by Authority staff in accordance with the Authority's administrative regulations. Authority staff held oral discussions with submitters on September 16th and 23rd 2013 to serve as the basis for ranking the top proposers. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his designee negotiated a contract with the top ranked consultants. Authority staff is now submitting its recommendation to the Board for approval. If approved by the Board, the CEO, on behalf of the Authority, would then enter into a contract with T.Y. Lin International.

Recommendations

Staff recommends Board approval to enter into an A&E contract with T.Y. Lin International for an amount up to \$46.1 million and a term of 5 years. A summary of the scope for the contract is as follows:

- Prepare Draft and Final Alternatives Analysis Document, as well as any related planning and design documents.
- Prepare a Final Purpose and Need Statement.
- Support Stakeholder and Agency Coordination consistent with the Authority's goals.
- Support the Authority on as needed basis in station area planning, sustainability, private investment opportunities, implementation and regional connectivity planning.
- The Authority Contract Manager will administer the contract through the issuance of task orders based on T.Y. Lin's approved work plan.

Attachments

- Resolution #HSRA 13-32
- Resolution #HSRA 13-15