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## **High-Speed Rail Authority Selects Team To Manage Central Valley Construction**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Following a competitive bidding process, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board of Directors has selected PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., and Harris & Associates to provide additional oversight and management of contractors who will build the initial 30-mile stretch of high-speed rail from Madera to Fresno. Thirty percent of the work will be done by small businesses and over 50 percent of those will be located in the Central Valley.

“We’re proud to say both companies that won the Project and Construction Management (PCM) contract are California-based firms with extensive experience in transit delivery and design-build programs in California and around the nation,” said Jeff Morales, CEO of the California High-Speed Rail Authority. “They have also achieved the Authority’s goal of having 30 percent Small Business participation and of the Small Businesses that will provide PCM services over 50 percent are located in the Central Valley.”

Wong-Harris will work with the Authority to oversee the contractors that will be selected to design and construct the backbone of the high-speed rail project, an initial 30-mile stretch that runs from Madera to Fresno. Wong-Harris will provide extra oversight of inspection and testing, construction safety and security, technical and environmental compliance, document control and public outreach. The purpose of this oversight is to ensure that construction is managed properly and that taxpayers are getting a good value for their investment.

PGH Wong Engineering, Inc. is a full-service engineering firm that specializes in construction management, project management, and design of rail transit projects which include heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail, freight railroad, and high-speed rail. Wong’s extensive experience includes project and construction management of major transit projects including BART Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension, Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit System, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Project, San Francisco International Airport AirTrain System, and San Francisco BART Extension to the San Francisco International Airport on behalf of the Airport.

Harris & Associates provides expertise from project conception through occupancy in project and construction management, program management, engineering services, and municipal services. Harris has also provided services to Caltrans starting with the first

consultant contract for Construction Engineering in 1986 for District 6, headquartered in Fresno. Harris was a key part of a team to provide oversight for both the design-build of the SR-22 Widening and the current design-build of the I-405 projects.

The PCM will be located at the Central Valley construction site with the Design-Build Contractor. Under the contract, Wong-Harris could receive up to \$34.9 million based on actual work performed.

PGH Wong Engineering, Inc. is headquartered in San Francisco and Harris & Associates is based out of Concord, California.

***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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