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Construction Teams Seek to Build Second Phase of High-Speed Rail, 60-Mile Stretch Toward Bakersfield

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced that five, “world-class construction teams” submitted qualifications to bid on the next 60-mile phase of high-speed rail construction from Fresno south to the Tulare-Kern County line near Bakersfield.

“These five, world-class construction teams represent international interest in helping deliver California’s high-speed rail project, a transformative investment in California’s future,” said Jeff Morales, CEO of the Authority. “The Authority will carefully review these applications and select the most highly qualified firms to submit proposals to design and build the next 60 miles of high-speed rail.”

Statements of Qualifications were received by the following teams listed in alphabetical order:

- California Rail Builders: Ferrovia Agroman US Corp. and Granite Construction Company
- Dragados/Flatiron/Shimmick: Dragados USA, Inc., Flatiron West, Inc. and Shimmick Construction Co., Inc.
- Golden State Rail Partnership: OHL USA, Inc. and Samsung E&C America, Inc.
- Skanska-Ames a Joint Venture: Skanska USA Civil West California District Inc. and Ames Construction, Inc.
- Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons, a Joint Venture: Tutor Perini Corporation, Zachry Construction Corporation and Parsons Transportation Group Inc.

In October, the Authority started the process of finding a design-build contractor by formally issuing a Request for Qualifications for Construction Project 2-3 (CP 2-3). Firms had until December 13 to submit their statement of qualifications.

The Authority will now review the applications and establish a list of the most highly qualified firms to provide design-build services for the project. Firms will be selected based on experience, technical competency, ability to perform and other factors. The qualified firms will then be eligible to submit formal design-build proposals in 2014.

The selected design-build firm will be responsible for delivering final designs for bridges, culverts, trenches and tunnels, utility relocations, aerial structures, grade separations, security and drainage. The environmental clearance for the route is already underway and is anticipated to be final by summer 2014.

The \$1.5 to \$2 billion design-build contract will bring thousands of jobs to the Central Valley, an area with one of the highest unemployment rates in California and the nation. The route will also provide environmental benefits, relieve roadway congestion and spur economic development.

For more information on the high-speed rail project and the design-build contract for CP 2-3, visit:
http://www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Construction/Design_Build_Construction_Pkg_2_3/index.html

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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