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High-Speed Rail Authority Seeks Regional Consultant Services to Advance Work in Southern California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today released two separate Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for Regional Consultant services for the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section and the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Project Section of the high-speed rail program. The RFQs come as the Authority continues to move forward and advance the nation’s first high-speed rail system.

The Authority is seeking qualified firms to provide planning, preliminary engineering, alternatives development, financial and programming analysis, stakeholder coordination, environmental services and right-of-way services for these important sections of the high-speed rail system.

“Regional consultants will continue to advance work in Southern California and the delivery of both sections,” said the Authority’s Southern California Regional Director Michelle Boehm. “Awarding new contracts allow us to fully implement the Authority’s 30 percent Small Business participation goals while we bring the benefits of high-speed rail to the region.”

The Palmdale to Burbank contract is estimated at \$56 million. The Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim contract is estimated at \$51 million. Both contracts are for five-year terms and include the Authority’s adopted 30 percent goal for Small Business and Disadvantaged Business participation in the work. Statements of Qualifications are due December 5 at 4:00 p.m. (PST).

The Authority is hosting a Pre-Bid Conference on October 28, 2014, at the Metro Board Room, One Gateway Plaza, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. This event allows interested firms to network and learn about the details and requirements of the contract, how to bid and the importance of Small Business participation.

The Palmdale to Burbank Project Section is approximately 45 miles between the proposed Palmdale Transportation Center Station and Burbank Airport Station. The Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Project Section is approximately 50 miles and travels from the Burbank Airport Station to Los Angeles Union Station and ends at the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC).

The RFQs are available on the Authority’s website at http://www.hsr.ca.gov/About/Doing_Business_with_HSR/contracts_for_bid.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> and follow us at <twitter.com/cahsra>