



Resolution #HSRA 22-05

Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for Design Services for the Merced to Madera Project

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, constructing, and operating an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity transportation services (Public Utilities Code sections 185030 and 185031);

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 185036;

Whereas, design services for the Merced to Madera project are essential to the completion and delivery of this section and the high-speed rail system;

Whereas, the Authority has a need for these services and will be competitively procuring the Merced to Madera project design services contract; and,

Whereas, based upon the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the framework for procuring these services in the draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is appropriate and reasonable.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Board authorizes Authority staff to issue an RFQ for Design Services for the Merced to Madera project on or after March, 18, 2022, for a contract value up to \$41 million for NTP-1 work. Authority staff is also authorized to make appropriate non-substantive changes to the RFQ as part of the procurement process.

Authority staff will seek additional Board approval(s) prior to exercising the optional NTP-2 and NTP-3 work.

The Board directs the HSR Legal Office to:

1. Attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Small Business Informational workshop scheduled for this RFQ to explain the conflict policy process;
2. Report progress on responses to OCOI requests on this RFQ to the Board weekly, starting on February 24; and
3. Work with appropriate Authority staff to explore possible mitigation measures to resolve conflicts.

Vote: 9-0

Yes: Schenk; Richards; Miller; Camacho; Williams; Ghielmetti; Pena; Escutia; Perea

No: N/A

Absent: N/A

Date: February 17, 2022

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