



Resolution #HSRA 17-07

Approval of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP Contract for Legal Services

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implantation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 185030 *et seq.*;

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 California Public Utilities Code Section 185036;

Whereas, a comprehensive legal strategy regarding U.S. Congressional Committee hearings, Federal legislation and other federal matters is a critical, key component of ensuring the success of high-speed rail in California; and,

Whereas, for the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, a contract with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (Akin Gump) for a term of three years and a maximum contract value of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriate.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or a qualified designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to undertake all that is necessary to negotiate and execute a contract for legal services with Akin Gump for a term of three years and a maximum contract value of \$1,000,000.00.

Vote: 6 – 0

Yes: Curtin; Lowenthal; Richard; Richards; Rossi; Schenk

No: N/A

Recuse: Paskett

Date: 02/14/17

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