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High-Speed Rail Authority Seeks Trainset Manufacturer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) today regarding the first high-speed trainsets and maintenance facility in the United States. The announcement allows the Authority to open up conversations with high-speed rail trainset manufacturers, which will help shape the Authority’s upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) for trainsets.

“We are going to have the first true high-speed rail system in America and industry leaders from around the world are eager to talk to us about why their trains should be running on our tracks,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales. “This is a big moment for our program. The manufacturing of trainsets and the establishing of maintenance facilities will mean more jobs, increased economic benefits, and allow for the possible development of a whole new high-speed rail industry here in California.”

The Authority is looking for information from high-speed rail manufacturers regarding possible trainset procurements and how the manufacturers propose complying with Buy America and Buy California provisions. The Authority’s initial procurement is expected to be for a base order with options for production of up to 95 trainsets. California’s high-speed rail system calls for sustained speeds over 200 miles per hour. The trainsets will have a minimum of 450 seats and be able to get passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco in less than three hours.

The REOI also allows the Authority to hear from manufacturers about the development of a heavy maintenance facility and three light maintenance facilities. Trainsets will be cleaned, washed, and housed overnight at the light maintenance facility while the heavy maintenance facility would be used for major overhauls and other major maintenance work on the trainsets. The Authority will select and environmentally clear the land in California’s Central Valley for the location of the heavy maintenance facility as well as sites along the alignment for the light maintenance facilities.

The Authority is requesting Expressions of Interest (EOI) by October 22, 2014.

The REOI can be found here: http://hsr.ca.gov/docs/Programs/trainsets/REOI_for_Trainsets_Final.pdf

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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