



*Memorandum of
Understanding on Cooperation*

between

**The High Speed Rail Authority of the Government of the State of California,
United States of America**

and

**UK Trade & Investment,
United Kingdom**

The High Speed Rail Authority of the Government of California, United States of America (herein after referred to as the CHSRA), represented by Curt Pringle, Chairman and;

UK Trade & Investment, United Kingdom, representing in this memorandum all relevant federal and regional administrations and agencies in the United Kingdom (herein after referred to as UKTI), represented by Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint, Minister of State for Trade & Investment.

On the 17th of May in Los Angeles, California;

With awareness of the potential economic, social and environmental benefits to be derived from the development of high-speed rail transportation;

Express here their understanding to promote a cooperative relationship as follows:

The CHSRA and UKTI intend to establish and develop a long-term cooperation in the field of high-speed rail transportation.

This memorandum provides for both parties to facilitate the exchange of information relative to the planning and development of transportation systems, technical standards, technologies, procurement methods and submissions, funding options, operation and maintenance of high-speed rail transportation systems, and any other relevant information, in accordance with their common interests.

The exchange of information is subject to the agreement of the relevant organisations involved and the respective personnel availability and budgetary resources. When it is considered useful each Party shall comment on the information provided by the other Party

Contact Representatives

The following contact points will be used to channel information, requests or proposals to and from both Parties.

For the CHSRA: Roelof van Ark, Chief Executive Officer

For UKTI: Kevin Thorpe, Business Specialist, North America.

Termination & Limitations

Either party may terminate this memorandum with 5 business days notice in writing to the other party.

This memorandum calls for the voluntary exchange of information which is otherwise public information, and the exchange of which is not prohibited by law or against public policy. No right of enforcement is created by this memorandum. The memorandum does not constitute an agreement for the provision of goods or services in exchange for compensation, nor does it represent any commitment for any future agreement of compensation. This memorandum is not exclusive, and each party is free to enter into similar agreements with other entities with an interest and expertise in high-speed rail transportation.

Confidentiality

No information which one party considers to be confidential shall be released to the other party unless the other party is given prior notice of the confidentiality of such information and agrees beforehand that it will accept such information subject to the assertion of confidentiality. This provision is intended to give the receiving party an opportunity to determine whether the laws which govern it permit it to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

Signed on 17 May 2011



For the California High Speed Rail Authority
Curt Pringle,
Chairman



For UK Trade & Investment
Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint,
Minister of State for Trade & Investment

