



## **Resolution #HSRA 17-12**

### **Approval to Release a Request for Proposals for the Early Train Operator Procurement**

**Whereas**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 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**, the Board adopted the 2016 Business Plan (Resolution #HSRA 16-12), with a business model that included an early operator;

**Whereas**, staff recommends a multi-stage, “best value” procurement process that includes a Request for Qualifications, followed by a Request for Proposals and negotiations with the preferred bidder under the authority granted pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 185036 to award contracts with private or public entities for the operation of high-speed trains;

**Whereas**, an Early Train Operator will provide value by ensuring that operational considerations are taken into account during the planning, design, and construction phases; and that the Authority is planning the system in a way that will increase its attractiveness to riders while also reducing operating and maintenance costs;

**Whereas**, the Board approved the release of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution #HSRA 16-30) at the December 13, 2016 meeting for this procurement and the RFQ was released on December 16, 2016; and,

**Whereas**, the Authority received and reviewed Statements of Qualifications in accordance with Board, Authority, state and federal policies and requirements for procurements and are presenting a recommended list of teams to invite to participate in the Request for Proposals.

#### **Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain Proposals from the shortlist firms to provide Early Train Operator services. The included Pre-Development Agreement and Term Sheet for the Franchise Agreement are also approved. Staff may make necessary modifications to the RFP during the procurement process.

Vote:  
Yes:  
No:  
Absent:  
Date:

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