



Resolution #HSRA 16-30

**Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for the
Early Train Operator**

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 presented to the Board at the October 11, 2016 meeting information regarding this procurement;

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; and,

Whereas, an Early Train Operator will provide value in confirm 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.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to obtain Statements of Qualifications from entities to provide Early Train Operator services, with the goal of shortlisting a qualified group to invite to participate in the Request for Proposals. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee of the CEO, is authorized to may make any necessary modifications to the RFQ during the procurement process.

Vote: 7 – 0

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

No: N/A

Absent: Correa

Date: 12/13/2016

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