



**Resolution #HSRA 17-21**

**Approval to Award the Contract for the Early Train Operator Services**

**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, and to award contracts with private or public entities for the operation of high-speed trains in Public Utilities Code Sections 185034;

**Whereas**, the Board adopted the 2016 Business Plan (#HSRA 16-12), with a business model that included an Early Train Operator;

**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 RFQ (#HSRA 16-30) at the December 13, 2016 meeting for this procurement, the Board subsequently approved the release of the RFP (#HSRA 17-12) at the June 14, 2017 meeting, and the Authority has concluded a multi-stage, “best value” procurement process; and,

**Whereas**, for the reasons set forth to the Board, the Early Train Operator Services contract should be awarded to the highest scoring team, DB Engineering & Consulting USA.

**Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to negotiate, enter into, and execute a Pre-Development Agreement with DB Engineering & Consulting USA for the first phase of the Early Train Operator services in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000,000 (thirty million dollars) and a term of six years.

Vote:  
Yes:  
No:  
Absent:

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