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High-Speed Rail Marks Small Business Month by Highlighting California Small Business and Local Manufacturer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In recognition of Small Business Month in California, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is highlighting ERTEC, an Alameda-based small business that is providing wildlife exclusion fencing for construction within Construction Package 1 (CP 1) – the first stretch of high-speed rail work between Madera and Fresno. To date, there are 373 certified small businesses participating in the high-speed rail program, helping the Authority exceed its 30 percent small business participation goals.

ERTEC uses state-of-the-art Wildlife Exclusion Fence technology (ERTEC E-FenceTM) that is designed to prevent small endangered or threatened species from gaining access to construction areas. In CP1, the wildlife-protection barrier will prevent California tiger salamanders, from moving into high-speed rail construction zones where they can be harmed or isolated. The fences allow for animals that are on the construction site to get out while at the same time preventing the animals from re-entering the work zone. Once the work is done, the fences are removed and can be used again.

ERTEC employs 20 people and manufactures the fences in a 16,000 square foot factory in Sacramento.



With more than 119 miles of active construction in the Central Valley, construction of a high-speed rail line between the Silicon Valley and Central Valley is planned for passenger service beginning in 2025. Learn more at <u>BuildHSR.com</u>.

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