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High-Speed Rail Authority Seeks New Renewable Energy Sources

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Furthering its commitment to using 100 percent renewable energy for the high-speed rail system, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today released a Call to Industry: Sourcing Renewable Power Supplies to solicit guidance and insight about purchasing renewable power sources.

“The Authority is taking a clear step forward to ensure that the high-speed rail system is powered by 100 percent renewable energy sources,” said Jeff Morales, Authority CEO. “The Authority is committed to build and operate a sustainable and innovative transportation system that will reduce greenhouse gases and provide environmental benefits.”

To meet the Authority’s 100 percent renewable energy goal, the Authority will procure or produce enough renewable energy to offset the amount of energy it takes from the state’s power grid to operate trains and facilities. This net-zero approach will increase the environmental benefits and reinforce California’s commitment to the renewable energy economy.

The Authority anticipates that a wide range of alternative energy ideas and suggestions will be submitted in response to this request. This is a first step in the process to fulfill the renewable energy goals set by the Authority. The Call to Industry will help prospective energy contractors develop proposals to potentially participate in the project as well as help inform future Authority energy procurements and project planning.

“The Energy Commission applauds the High Speed Rail Authority’s goal of powering the project with renewable energy,” said California Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller. “This is the kind of innovative approach that keeps California leading the nation in clean energy and clean transportation.”

Individuals or organizations interested in responding to the Call to Industry can find more information online at <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/>. Requests must be submitted to the Authority by May 31, 2013.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at cahighspeedrail.ca.gov and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra/.