

Notice of Upcoming Industry Comment Period For the Draft RFP for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for Track and OCS Construction

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) invites interested industry participants to submit comments and feedback on draft contract documents for the upcoming Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Track and Overhead Contact System (OCS) procurement. This industry review does not constitute a solicitation document, nor does it represent a commitment to issue any type of solicitation or enter into any contract or agreement related to the high-speed rail program in the future.

We anticipate that the industry review period will take place from December 18, 2024, through January 10, 2025. During the review, draft documents will be available to firms only on Cal eProcure. Comments should be provided in one document and should be individually numbered. All comments are due **January 10, 2025, at 12:00 PM PST** and shall be sent in an email directed to Kristal McCain at <u>TrackOCS@hsr.ca.gov</u>. Comments will be reviewed and are appreciated. The Authority may reach out to firms to clarify items included in their comments, but has no obligation to respond to individual comments. The Authority is not currently scheduling one-on-one meetings for this procurement. If the Authority elects to conduct one-on-one meetings in the future, instructions will be issued on the Authority's website regarding how to request such a meeting.

The Authority anticipates the following schedule for release of the CM/GC Track and OCS procurement:

RFP Release: First Quarter 2025 **Proposal Due Date:** Second Quarter 2025 **Contractor Selected:** Third Quarter 2025

Please be advised that all comments submitted, and any accompanying materials, will become property of the Authority and are subject to open government laws such as the California Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If a submitting party has special concerns about information that it desires to make available to the Authority, but which it believes constitutes a trade secret, proprietary information, or other information exempt from disclosure, such submitting party should specifically and conspicuously designate that information as "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" in its submittal. Blanket, all-inclusive identifications by designation of whole pages or sections as containing proprietary information, trade secrets, or confidential commercial or financial information will be deemed invalid. The specific proprietary information, trade secrets, or confidential commercial and financial information must be clearly identified as such. Under no circumstances, however, will the Authority be liable for the disclosure of all or a portion of the information submitted in response to this invitation for comment, including the disclosure of any such labeled materials.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Kristal McCain at <u>TrackOCS@hsr.ca.gov</u> or (916) 324-1541.