



CALIFORNIA
High-Speed Rail Authority

Request for Expressions of Interest for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Pool Contract

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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL: Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Industry Forum

Procurement Overview

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The Impact of California's First High-Speed Rail Network

California High-Speed Rail will fundamentally transform how people move around the state. It is not just a transportation project; it is a transformative investment that is already reshaping California's economy, infrastructure, and environmental leadership.

Economic Impacts



16,000+ jobs created

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108,700 job-years of employment

(July 2006 to June 2024)



\$8.3B labor income

(July 2006 to June 2024)



\$21.8B economic output

(July 2006 to June 2024)

What is an IDIQ and What are its Advantages?

Much like a MATOC, an IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity) is a pool type contracting vehicle that allows for an unspecified quantity of services (or supplies) to be delivered over a fixed period of time through the issuance of task orders.



Increased Flexibility



Timely project delivery



Increased Cost Savings



Improved Quality

Sources Sought

The Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) released on November 13, 2025, with a December 5, 2025, deadline for all questions.

The Authority requests Expressions of Interest (EOI) from firms (Responders) interested and qualified to provide A&E services on a task order basis.

The Authority seeks responses from:

- Large firms
- Qualified small businesses (SB):
- Small Businesses for the purpose of Public Works (SB-PW)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE).
- Intermediate firms*



Intermediate Businesses

Currently, the Authority anticipates awards will be made to firms in two pools: large firms and small businesses. The Authority is, however, considering the possibility of establishing a third pool for intermediate businesses.



- Responders are invited to provide feedback regarding the competitive range for intermediate firms via their EOI.
- Firms identifying as intermediate sized are highly encouraged to submit information regarding their annual gross receipts for the past three (3) years.

Small Business Goals

- The IDIQ is subject to Small Business (SB), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) and Disadvantaged Business Entity (DBE) participation goals in compliance with state and federal law.
 - » The IDIQ will incorporate, by reference, the Authority's HSR SB Program Plan, dated November 2, 2023, which establishes a 25 percent Small Business (SB) goal, inclusive of a 3 percent goal for Microbusinesses (MB); a separate 10 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal; and a separate 3 percent Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) goal for contracts that receive state and federal blended funds.
- On October 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) making changes to its DBE program (49 CFR Part 26), effective immediately.
 - » Pursuant to 49 CFR 26.55(i) and 49 CFR 26.52(h), the Authority will not count DBE participation towards the Authority's 10 percent DBE goal until the applicable Uniform Certification Program(s) have completed the 49 CFR 26.111 reevaluation process for a business.

Further details about the Authority's goals and its HSR SB Program Plan may be found on the Authority's Small Business Program webpage: <https://hsr.ca.gov/business-opportunities/small-business-program/>.

IDIQ Structure



Pools

- Large business
- Small business
- The potential for an intermediate business pool

Period of Performance

Task orders will not exceed an ordering period of five (5) years total.

Contract Capacity

Up to \$15 Million per Task Order.

IDIQ Statement of Work

Work will be defined in the individual task orders in accordance with the SOW and may include, but not be limited to:

Architectural design	Surveying and right-of-way
Construction design support services	Hazardous materials assessment and management
Project and construction management services	Environmental planning
Building systems design	Regulatory permitting
Interior and exterior renovation designs	Rail systems engineering
New building and industrial facility design	Structural engineering
Equipment installation planning and design	Tunnel engineering
Landscape architectural design	Transit engineering
Space programming	Other professional services and A&E related work
Mechanical engineering	
Electrical engineering	
Civil and transportation engineering	
Geotechnical engineering and investigation	

IDIQ Statement of Work: Scope of Services

Work will be further defined according to firm size:

Minor Works (Small Business). The scope of services for minor works includes, but is not limited to, designs for utility relocations, surveying, right-of-way acquisition support, geotechnical investigation, construction contract administration/PCM services, construction inspections, roadway engineering, specialty professional engineering services, and A&E related advisory services.

Major Works (Large Business). The scope for major works includes all A&E professional services expected for the environmental, design, procurement, construction design support and commissioning for a high-speed railway system. Major Works may also include project and construction management (PCM) services contracts for larger Authority construction contracts.

Intermediate Works (Intermediate Business). If implemented, intermediate works may encompass any of the above scope of services.

IDIQ Task Order Process

Task Order Process

- Request for Task Order Proposal
- Evaluation
- Award

On/Off Ramp Procedures

The Authority intends to periodically review the total number of contractors participating in the Ordering Process and determine whether it would be in its best interest to initiate on-ramping to add new contractors to the Basic Contract, or off-ramping to remove awardees due to industry consolidation, significant changes in the marketplace, lack of participation, or general economic conditions.



Procurement Process Details

California State Contracts Register

The Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) may be downloaded from the event webpage on the California State Contracts Register (CSCR):

- RFEI No. HSR25-02:

[https://caleprocure.ca.gov/event/2665/RFEI25-02 \](https://caleprocure.ca.gov/event/2665/RFEI25-02)

Updates, including responses to written questions and any RFEI addenda, will be posted on the CSCR event webpage.

Authority's Webpage

The Authority's webpage for this procurement is as follows:

<https://hsr.ca.gov/business-opportunities/procurements/architectural-engineering-and-capital-contracts/request-for-expressions-of-interest-for-architectural-and-engineering-ae-services-indefinite-delivery-indefinite-quantity-idiq-pool-contract/>

Information from the Industry Forum will be posted on the Authority's webpage and will include the following:

- Presentations (PowerPoints)
- Registration Lists

IDIQ RFEI Schedule

Questions regarding this procurement should be emailed to:

ContractAdministration@hsr.ca.gov

All EOIs should be submitted in accordance with the RFEI Section 1.0. Complete the [EOI Response Form](#) linked in the RFEI to support Authority Market Research efforts.

Activity	Date
RFEI advertised on Cal eProcure	November 13, 2025
Virtual Industry Forum	November 24, 2025
Deadline for Questions	December 5, 2025
Expressions of Interests (EOI) Due	December 19, 2025

Potential Outreach Opportunity: December 10-11, California Infrastructure Development Conference and Expo in Los Angeles, CA at the JW Marriott

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 - Services Offered or Supplies Sold
 - Service Counties
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Thank You.

We look forward to your participation