



**CALIFORNIA**  
High-Speed Rail Authority

# Rail Materials Procurements Solicitation for Bids

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# Rail Materials Components

- Release of an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Cable Troughs Materials Procurement
  - » The Authority has identified and seeks to purchase one additional rail material necessary for the construction of its high-speed track and systems.
  - » Staff has conducted an analysis of the high-speed rail supply chain and has determined that purchasing this material directly will result in cost and schedule savings to the Authority.
  - » The Authority is seeking cable troughs that conform to the technical specifications.
- Procurement Approach
  - » Contract would be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

# Project Funding Details

- The materials needed for the 119-mile First Construction Section will be 100% state funded.
  - » Total Project Estimated Cost will not cause an increase to the previously approved \$507,100,000 for the other material procurements.
  - » Staff will seek future authorization to purchase materials for the Merced and Bakersfield extensions, which may include blended federal and state matching funds.

# Project Funding Details – Notices to Proceed

- For each materials contract, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued in multiple stages as follows:
  - » NTP 1: supply of materials for use in the 119-mile First Construction Section (Madera to Poplar Avenue)
    - Note: NTP 2, 3, & 4 are optional and are at the Authority's discretion to approve purchase of additional materials for use in both the Merced and Bakersfield extensions and may include a blend of state and federal funding
- Staff seeks Board approval to issue each solicitation, award, and NTP 1 for each contract
  - » Staff will seek additional Board approval for issuance of NTP 2, NTP 3, & NTP 4 at a later date.

# Cable Troughs

- Containment that will be situated along the alignment, that will be the primary housing for wayside cabling used for the systems that will facilitate the operation of the high-speed railroad. This containment will be placed adjacent to the track along the right-of-way.
- The Authority presently anticipates ordering approximately 120 miles of Cable Trough for NTP 1 with an anticipated order in Q4 2026 of 20 miles.
- Estimated lead time 6 months, less if contractor selected can provide off-the-shelf product that complies with Technical Requirements.

# Basic Terms

- Total value of cable troughs will be absorbed in the cumulative \$507,100,000 that this Board previously approved for the other material procurements.
- The duration of the contract will be 4 years.
- Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- Materials must be newly manufactured goods and conform to the technical specifications as provided by the Authority. All materials supplied must be Buy America and Build America compliant in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 22905 and 2 C.F.R. part 184.

# Next Steps

- Staff will complete the solicitation documents.
- Seeking approval to release the procurement when it is ready.
- Invitation for bids is scheduled to begin in March 2026.
- Contract award planned for Quarter 2, 2026 with first delivery in Quarter 4, 2026.