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Notice of Industry Comment Period Regarding the Development of the RFP for Track and Systems

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) invites interested industry participants to submit comments and feedback on a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Track and Systems. 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.

All industry comments are due by **Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 12:00 PM PDT**. Comments will only be accepted through the form provided on the Authority's website. Each comment should be individually numbered and begin with the relevant RFP Document Name and Article/Section number (e.g. General Provisions, Article 1). The Authority has no obligation to respond to individual comments. Firms seeking to comment on the industry draft RFP can find the appropriate form at:

http://hsr.ca.gov/programs/track_and_systems.html

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.

The Authority anticipates conducting industry meetings with firms that identify themselves as potential prime contractors or joint venture partners. Firms who would like such a meeting and anticipate participating in a track and systems procurement should state their interest in an email directed to Rachael Wong at TS1@hsr.ca.gov that clearly indicates the following: their firm name; whether they anticipate participating as a prime or a joint venture partner; and, if participating as a joint venture partner, whether any other joint venture partners should be included in this meeting. These emails are due by **Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 12:00 PM PDT**. The Authority does not guarantee that it will have meetings with all firms and such meetings will be at the discretion of the Authority. All meetings will be an opportunity for firms to raise issues related to the industry draft RFP, and the Authority does not anticipate answering firms' questions. Any communications related to future procurements will be

provided publicly for the benefit of all potential participants. The Authority anticipates that any industry meetings will be scheduled for early June 2019.

The Authority anticipates the following procurement schedule for release of the Track and Systems procurement:

RFQ Release:	Spring/Summer 2019
SOQ Due Date:	Summer 2019
RFP Release:	Fall 2019
Proposal Due Date:	Spring 2020

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Rachael Wong at TS1@hsr.ca.gov or (916) 324-1541.