

# California High-Speed Rail Authority



## Request for Proposals for the Track & Systems Construction Contract

RFQ No.: HSR25-89

### Questions and Responses

Round	Date
9	March 26, 2026

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No.	Proposer Question	Authority Response
609	Can the EOR use negotiated fully loaded rates based on staff classifications rather than rates based on actual staff salaries when performing design work under Time and Materials, specifically for Package 1B?	Fully Loaded Rates should meet the requirements as specified in the TSCC Agreement.
610	Can the Authority please answer the following Question on Form J: May the Proposers include Fully Loaded Rates in Form J1 for Subcontractors (both affiliated and unaffiliated) and assuming Fully Loaded Rates for Subcontractors may be included, will the Proposer / Contractor be permitted to apply its TSCC Contractor Fee to the Subcontractor Fully Loaded Rates for work performed on a Time & Materials basis?	<p>Yes, Proposers may include Fully Loaded Rates for Subcontractors in Form J.</p> <p>The TSCC Contractor shall be permitted to apply the TSCC Contractor Fee on Subcontracted other Work.</p>
611	Can the Authority answer the following question: Do the proposers have to escrow the Package 1B personnel rates?	Yes.

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612	<p>Our Engineer of Record (EOR) intends to use international staff to perform some key functions, especially as tied to our key personnel. Will the Authority reimburse the EOR for Key Personnel's international travel and living expenses including short-term accommodation expenses (up to 12 months), in accordance with our EOR's travel policy, or does the Authority have its own policy and rate caps for international travel and short-term accommodation for up to 12 months? Will the Authority reimburse these costs or is the expectation that they are built into the fully loaded rates?</p>	<p>The ITP, Section 6.4, defines that Key Personnel will be required to establish a project office located either at the Authority's Sacramento Headquarters, located at 770 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or in the Central Valley. The ITP, Section 6.6.2, further defines that the Proposer is to develop a clear plan for mobilization, including the relocation of Key Personnel to the Central Valley, as well as the process for mobilizing relevant staff. It is expected that the subsequent packages will provide for the development of similar Package-specific staffing plans. Reimbursement will be limited to a maximum of 30 days of temporary lodging and meals at the new work location, and any approved air travel must comply with the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. 40118) requirements in Section 30 of Schedule 26 to the TSCC Agreement.</p>
613	<p>Will the Authority please confirm who the Protest Official is for this RFP?</p>	<p>The Protest Official for this RFP is:  Chris Rice  California High-Speed Rail Authority  770 L Street, Suite 620  Sacramento, CA 95814</p>