

***Award of Contracts
for On-Call Rail
Systems Engineering
Business Operations
Support Services***

**JPB Finance Committee Meeting
February 23, 2026**



Proposed Actions

1. **Award a bench of contracts to**

- **Burns Engineering, Inc.** of El Segundo, CA
- **Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc.** of Pittsburgh, PA
- **RSE Corporation** of San Mateo, CA

to provide the Services on an as-needed basis for an **aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$23 million for a five-year term.**

2. **Authorize the Executive Director** or designee to **execute contracts** with each of the above firms in full conformity with the terms and conditions of the solicitation documents and negotiated agreements, and in forms approved by legal counsel.

Contracts Goal

- To provide the JPB with a bench of qualified engineering firms with specialties in Train Control and Rail Systems Engineering to support anticipated professional service needs within Systems Engineering.
- Key subsystems include **safety-critical systems** such as Positive Train Control, train dispatch and back-office systems, traction power SCADA, communications and network, onboard and wayside systems, and passenger info systems.
- **Anticipated services** include technology planning, engineering design, implementation, operations and maintenance support, and regulatory compliance.

Background

- ~~• In March 2016, the Board awarded a six-year base term contract for the provision of **On-Call Railroad Business Operations and Systems Support Services**, with up to two 2-year option terms.~~
- ~~• These contracts will expire in April 2026.~~
- ~~• Establishing a new on-call bench will allow the agency to maintain flexibility for quickly and efficiently managing short-to-medium-term efforts that require specialized expertise.~~

Solicitation Process

- On September 30, 2025, the JPB issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-J-P-109 for On-Call Rail Systems Engineering Business Operations Support Services.
- The RFP was advertised on the JPB's eProcurement website.
- In response to the RFP, the JPB received six responsive proposals.
- A Selection Committee, composed of qualified Agency staff, reviewed, scored, and ranked the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP.

Award Recommendation

- The Committee scored all six proposals and determined three firms to be in the competitive range, with each firm offering fair and reasonable labor rate consistent with those paid by the JPB and peer agencies.
- The following three firm possess the requisite experience, qualifications, and competitive rates required for successful performance of the services:
 - **Hatch**
 - **Burns**
 - **RSE**

Budget Impact

- Work Directives issued through the on-call bench will be funded by a variety of sources, which may include Federal, State, Regional, and Local revenues and grants from approved and future operating and capital budgets.
- Staff will issue Work Directives on a project-by-project and as-needed basis. Award of these contracts will not obligate the JPB to purchase any specific level of service from any particular firm.

Motion for Consideration

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