



**ITEM ID:** 2025-146-0

**TRANSMITTAL DATE:** March 21, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** March 28, 2025

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Arnold Hackett, Chief Financial Officer  
Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

**SUBJECT:** Request for Qualifications No. CM104-25 - Approval of Pool of Prequalified Contractors for SCORE Projects

**Issue**

Approval of the prequalified list of contractors resulted from RFQual No. CM104-25, which was approved by the Board as the procurement approach for SCORE projects during the March 29, 2024 meeting.

**Recommendation**

Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee recommended (5-0) that the Board approve the pool of prequalified contractors to perform general contracting work for the Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program upcoming public works construction projects, as a result of Request for Qualifications (RFQual) No. CM104-25:

1. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc.
2. Clark Construction Group- California, LP
3. Granite Construction Company
4. Herzog Contracting Corp.
5. Icon West, Inc
6. Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.
7. RailWorks Track Services LLC (L.K. Comstock)
8. Electric Construction Co.
9. Skanska USA Civil West California District Inc.
10. Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.
11. Walsh Construction Company II, LLC

## **Strategic Commitment**

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, our fellow employees, and the communities we serve. The Authority's prequalification of contractors who have demonstrated that they have the experience and knowledge to safely perform construction in a railroad operational environment will support the Authority's demand that all work be undertaken in compliance with Authority safety practices, standards and criteria, to maintain safe and reliable operation of the railroad throughout project construction.

## **Background**

Successful construction of the SCORE Phase 1 projects is essential to serving future ridership demands, achieving the Authority's associated proposed service plans, meeting the expectations of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, and demonstrating the Authority's program delivery capabilities so as to secure funding for future projects.

The Authority wishes to ensure that all contractors who are invited to bid on the SCORE construction projects have demonstrated their experience in successful construction of projects in a railroad operational environment with knowledge of railroad operational safety rules and practices. In order to accomplish this effort, the Board on March 29, 2024, approved an approach to advance with a RFQual process prior to the issuance of Invitation for Bid (IFB) packages for the SCORE projects. Only prequalified contractors in whom the Authority has assured its confidence will then be invited to bid on the major construction SCORE projects.

## **Discussion**

On March 29, 2024, the Board approved issuance of a RFQual for the purpose of pre-qualifying a pool of construction contractors experienced in completing projects on an operational railroad to support the Authority's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program.

On May 28, 2024, the Authority issued RFQual No. CM104-25, seeking responses from qualified firms to establish a pool of prequalified general contractors qualified and capable of performing general contracting work for the SCORE Program. The RFQual documents were created based on the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) contractor prequalification model documents and processes. The RFQual was posted on the Authority's online solicitation portal and notifications were sent to 1,157 registered vendors. The Authority also advertised the RFQual in publications in the five member counties and in diversity newspapers. Fifty-four prospective contractors viewed the RFQual. The Authority received and answered nineteen questions.

The Prequalification of Contractors included a standard questionnaire and financial statement forms, and evaluation criteria with a uniform numerical and passing score system for rating the answers given by the contractors.

The Questionnaire consisted of seven parts. To prequalify, a prospective contractor must fully complete the SCRRRA Prequalification Questionnaire, consisting of the following parts:

Part A: Contractor Information

Part B: Current Organization Structure

Part C: Essential Criteria Questions

Part D: Prequalification Criteria Questions

- Prior History
- Criminal Matters & Civil suits
- Occupational Health & Safety Compliance
- Prevailing Wage & Apprenticeship Compliance

Part E: Completion of Recent Construction Projects in Excess of \$15M Total construction value on or about a Class I Passenger or Heavy Freight Railroad Operational Environment.

Part F: Project References

Part G: Certification

A maximum score of 35 points for Part D, and a minimum score of 51 points for Part E were established. Based on the technical evaluation of the RFQual parts, only contractors meeting minimum qualifications would be prequalified for the pool.

The Authority received thirteen responses by the submission due date of July 9, 2024. Based on the Authority's Technical Evaluation Committee scoring of answers provided by contractors to the questionnaire, C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. and SEMA Construction, Inc. did not meet the minimum passing score of 51 points for part E, while the remaining eleven responsive contractors have met the minimum qualifications and are recommended as the pool of contractors as follows:

1. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc.
2. Clark Construction Group- California, LP
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4. Herzog Contracting Corp.
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6. Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.
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### **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact for this item since this is only a recommendation to approve the pool of prequalified contractors.

## **Next Steps**

Upon Board approval of the pool of prequalified contractors, staff will publish the list. The Authority may utilize this list to issue Invitation for Bids (IFBs) to the prequalified contractors and then awarded to the lowest bidder. Any awards resulting from the IFBs will be presented to the Board for approval.

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