

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

**K LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
SUPPORT SERVICES/AE130368000**

1.	Contract Number: AE130368000	
2.	Recommended Vendor: Hill International, Inc.	
3.	Type of Procurement (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> IFB <input type="checkbox"/> RFP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFP-A&E <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Task Order	
4.	Procurement Dates:	
	A. Issued: March 6, 2025	
	B. Advertised/Publicized: March 6, 2025	
	C. Pre-Proposal Conference: March 26, 2025	
	D. Proposals Due: May 6, 2025	
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: November 19, 2025	
	F. Ethics Declaration Forms Submitted to Ethics: May 6, 2025	
	G. Protest Period End Date: March 23, 2026	
5.	Solicitations Downloaded: 182	Proposals Received: 5
6.	Contract Administrator: Yamil Ramirez Roman	Telephone Number: 213-922-1064
7.	Project Manager: Michael Harrington	Telephone Number: 213-893-7163

A. Procurement Background

This Board Action is to approve the award of Contract No. AE130368000 to provide Program Management Support Services (PMSS) to Metro to support the implementation of the K Line Extension to Torrance project. Board approval of contract awards is subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued as an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services qualifications-based procurement performed in accordance with Metro Acquisition Policy and California Government Code §§ 4525-4529.5. The contract type is a Cost-Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) for a base term of five years with two, three-year options. The Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department recommended a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal of 17% and a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal of 3%.

Two (2) amendments were issued during the solicitation phase of this RFP:

- Amendment No. 1, issued on March 18, 2025, clarified the proposal’s general format to add sections of the Proposal Content that would be excluded from the proposal page limit.
- Amendment No. 2, issued on April 17, 2025, updated Key Personnel in the Scope of Services to revise the minimum qualifications for the Construction Manager and added the position of Assistant Resident Engineer.

A virtual pre-proposal conference was held on March 26, 2025, with 92 attendees. The list of Planholders includes 182 downloads. There were 46 questions received for this RFP and responses were provided before the proposal due date.

A total of five proposals were received on May 6, 2025, from the following firms listed below in alphabetical order:

- AMN South Bay Transit Partners
- Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation
- Hill International, Inc.
- HNTB Corporation
- South Bay Transit Partners

B. Evaluation of Proposals

A Proposal Evaluation Team (PET) was comprised of representatives from Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the following Metro departments: Project Engineering, Mobility Corridor, and Alternative Project Delivery. The PET conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the proposals received.

The proposals were evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria and associated weighting:

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| • Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer’s Team | 25 points |
| • Key Personnel Skills and Experience | 35 points |
| • Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services | 35 points |
| • Approach to Cultural Competency | 5 points |

The evaluation criteria are appropriate and consistent with criteria developed for other similar A&E, qualifications-based procurements. Several factors were considered when developing the weightings, giving the greatest importance to the criteria of Key Personnel Skills and Experience, and Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services.

This is an A&E, qualifications-based procurement; therefore, price cannot be used and was not used as an evaluation factor pursuant to state and federal law.

The PET scored the proposals in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria set forth in the RFP. All five Proposers participated in oral presentations on September 4, 2025. The recommendation of the most qualified Proposer is based on the PET’s assessment of the written proposals and oral presentations.

Qualifications Summary of Recommended Firm:

Hill International, Inc. (Hill) clearly demonstrated the team’s experience, understanding of the project, scope of services, and identified risks. The main strength of the proposer is the extensive alternative delivery experience and a Project Manager with a wide range of experience and well-developed communication skills. Their experience included supporting multiple public agency owners who deliver transit projects, showcasing expertise that could benefit the K Line Extension to Torrance project. This team identified their skills in interface management, which is a key activity in managing multiple concurrent contracts. The Hill team has extensive experience working on similar projects to those identified under the disciplines for which they are qualified.

The evaluation performed by the PET determined that the proposal from Hill International, Inc. demonstrated competent and professional qualifications for the services required and is determined to be the most qualified proposer. The results of the final scoring are shown below, in rank order:

1	Firm	Average Score	Factor Weight	Weighted Average Score	Rank
2	Hill International, Inc.				
3	Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer’s Team	76.52	25%	19.13	
4	Key Personnel Skills and Experience	79.29	35%	27.75	
5	Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services	77.94	35%	27.28	
6	Approach to Cultural Competency	80.00	5%	4.00	
7	Total		100%	78.16	1
8	HNTB Corporation				
9	Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer’s Team	79.00	25%	19.75	
10	Key Personnel Skills and Experience	74.29	35%	26.00	
11	Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services	74.57	35%	26.10	
12	Approach to Cultural Competency	80.00	5%	4.00	
13	Total		100%	75.85	2
14	Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation				
15	Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer’s Team	75.00	25%	18.75	
16	Key Personnel Skills and Experience	72.14	35%	25.25	
17	Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services	74.43	35%	26.05	
18	Approach to Cultural Competency	85.00	5%	4.25	
19	Total		100%	74.30	3

20	AMN South Bay Transit Partners				
21	Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer's Team	68.52	25%	17.13	
22	Key Personnel Skills and Experience	70.00	35%	24.50	
23	Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services	72.51	35%	25.38	
24	Approach to Cultural Competency	72.60	5%	3.63	
25	Total		100%	70.64	4
26	South Bay Transit Partners				
27	Experience and Capabilities of the Proposer's Team	69.52	25%	17.38	
28	Key Personnel Skills and Experience	68.94	35%	24.13	
29	Project Understanding and Approach to Implementation of the Scope of Services	72.09	35%	25.23	
30	Approach to Cultural Competency	72.60	5%	3.63	
31	Total		100%	70.37	5

C. Cost/Price Analysis

An analysis of the cost elements, including labor rates, indirect rates, and other direct costs, was completed in accordance with Metro's Acquisition Policy, including fact-finding, clarification, and cost analysis. Metro negotiated and established direct costs, indirect cost rates, and appropriate provisional indirect (overhead) rates, plus a fixed fee factor to establish a fixed fee amount based on the total estimated cost of performance of the Scope of Services, during the contract term.

Audits will be completed, where required, for those firms without a current applicable audit of their indirect cost rates, other factors, and exclusion of unallowable costs, in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31. To prevent any unnecessary delay in contract award, provisional overhead rates have been established, subject to retroactive Contract adjustments upon completion of any necessary audits. As a result, the proposed costs and cost factors have been deemed fair and reasonable for the work to be performed.

Contract Duration	Proposal Amount	Metro ICE	Negotiated or NTE amount
5-year Base Period	\$99,703,063	\$94,916,300	\$89,198,548⁽¹⁾

- (1) The final amount of **\$89,198,548** is the recommended NTE for the total cost of the agreed estimated level of effort required to perform the Scope of Services by the Consultant and sub-consultants for the base term of the contract. Work will be funded annually according to an Annual Work Plan.

Staff successfully negotiated a cost savings of \$10,504,515 from the original Cost Proposal by: (1) negotiating and agreeing to an estimated level of effort for personnel

and all Subcontractors; (2) reducing the proposed subcontractor management fee from 4% to 2% and (3) reducing the proposed fixed fee factor from 10% to 8.5%.

D. Background on Recommended Contractor

The recommended firm, Hill International, Inc. (Hill), located in Irvine, CA, has been in business for 49 years and provides program, project, and construction management services. The firm has experience working with other public agencies such as Sound Transit (Seattle, WA), Port of Long Beach, Valley Metro (Phoenix, AZ), and the Federal Transit Administration.