



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

TO: Firms in the High-Speed Rail Industry DATE: May 11, 2016

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SUBJECT: High-Speed Rail Industry Forum Related to the March 16, 2016, Federal Register Notice

On March 16, 2016, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice of request for proposals for projects for the financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a high speed passenger rail system operating within a high speed rail corridor. Leaders throughout Dallas-Fort Worth have been working for several years to bring high speed rail to, from and within the region. This Federal Register notice presents an opportunity for the private sector to bring innovation and experience from across the globe to advance high speed rail in this region or others throughout the country.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will host an industry forum with firms potentially interested in proposing a high speed rail project in the Dallas-Fort Worth region to FRA and DOT through the request for proposals. The forum will be held on **Monday, June 20, 2016, at 1:30-3:30 pm** in the Transportation Council Room of the NCTCOG, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. **Please respond with your attendance plans to Amanda Wilson at awilson@nctcog.org or (817) 695-9284.** Information on regional plans and policies, status of environmental documents, and data available will be presented at the forum. Several elected officials will be present to showcase the importance of this endeavor.

The Dallas-Fort Worth region is a critical component of a high speed rail network across Texas connecting to Houston, Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, and points beyond. We look forward to meeting with firms interested in advancing this modern mode of transportation within Dallas-Fort Worth. Please feel free to contact me at (817) 695-9241 if you have any questions.


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