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PB MANAGING HIGH-SPEED RAIL INITIATIVES IN FOUR STATES

NEW YORK, NY — Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), a global infrastructure strategic consulting, engineering and program/construction management organization, has been awarded three new contracts to manage high-speed and intercity passenger rail initiatives in Illinois, Ohio and Florida. The firm is also currently serving as program manager for development of a new high-speed rail line in California.

“Building on several decades of planning and analysis of high-speed rail in the U.S. and our extensive experience with the design and management of high-speed rail projects in Asia, PB will be a key player in implementing high-speed rail projects from coast to coast in the U.S.,” said George J. Pierson, PB’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

PB was recently selected by the Illinois Department of Transportation to serve as program manager for high-speed rail. Illinois will receive a total of \$1.2 billion in federal high-speed rail funding, with \$1.1 billion targeted for the state’s high-speed rail signature route, Chicago to St. Louis. The project will implement corridor improvements for this 284-mile route to allow passenger rail service to operate at speeds up to 110 mph, reducing the total trip time from Chicago to St. Louis by about an hour.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) also selected a PB-led team to provide consultant services for the development of a new intercity passenger rail service on an existing rail freight corridor in the Cleveland - Columbus - Dayton – Cincinnati “3C” corridor, a distance of approximately 250 miles. In January, the Federal Railroad Administration selected the project for funding in the amount of \$400 million. PB will complete a variety of environmental documents for various components and design for the track and capacity improvements.



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In Florida, a new high-speed rail system is being designed to connect many of Florida's major cities and tourist centers. PB leads the consulting team selected by the Florida Department of Transportation to undertake the planning and design of a 230-mile high-speed rail line between Orlando and Miami. The project involves preliminary engineering and environmental analysis, which includes recommending the final alignment and train technology to be used.

In California, PB is continuing to lead the program management team which oversees the implementation, from design to commissioning, of the California High-Speed Rail, a 800-mile-long system serving Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County and San Diego. The system will use state-of-the-art electrified trains capable of speeds of up to 220 mph. The majority of the system will be at-grade alongside existing railroads, roads and highways. The project recently was allocated \$2.25 billion in federal funding, which will help accelerate the building of the system.

"With our assignments in Illinois, Ohio, Florida and California, PB is managing passenger rail initiatives that account for a combined \$4 billion of the \$8 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act high-speed and intercity passenger rail grants awarded by the federal government in 2010," said Gregory Kelly, President of PB's Americas Transportation Division.

PB also has been selected as one of several consultants for the Southern High-Speed Rail Commission, a three-state authority charged with planning implementation of high-speed rail among Atlanta, New Orleans and Houston.

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