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3rd METRO LINE FOR THE GREATER TOULOUSE REGION: SYSTRA AND ARCADIS WIN A NEW CONTRACT

SYSTRA and ARCADIS have been awarded a systems project management assistance (PMA) contract on the third metro line for the Greater Toulouse region by Tisséo Collectivités and Tisséo Ingénierie. This is a strategically important project for Toulouse and the wider region.

This new line is approximately 27km long and will transport more than 200,000 people per day in both directions, serving a total of 20 stations. It will connect with metro Lines A and B, two tram lines and several Linéo bus lines. It will also improve the connection between Blagnac airport and Matabiau station. The new line will serve an urban population of 1.3 million inhabitants and three main employment centres in the region.

SYSTRA is leading the consortium, which includes ARCADIS. The contract will involve defining all systems for the line, stations and the maintenance and stabling site. This includes rolling stock, automated and non-automated control systems, centralised control systems and platform screen doors, as well as track, power and maintenance equipment.

Jean-Yves Reynaud, SYSTRA's Commercial Director for France, said: "Following our project management assistance assignment for three lines on the Grand Paris Express, as well as our role automating Line B of Lyon Metro, SYSTRA is once again at the centre of a major automated metro project in France. This new contract for the Line 3 project in Toulouse confirms SYSTRA's position as the signature team for automated metro systems."

Lionel Barin, ARCADIS Development Director, added: "Our continued involvement with Tisséo-Collectivités and Tisséo-Ingénierie in emblematic transport projects for the city of Toulouse and recognition of our expertise are reflected in this latest success. Following our project management for the extension of three 'short' stations as part of the capacity doubling for Toulouse Metro Line A, ARCADIS experts, who are very close to our clients, will once again benefit from a flagship infrastructure project for a city and its wider region."

SYSTRA and Tisséo: partners for more than 30 years

SYSTRA has been working with Toulouse's transportation authorities since 1985. The company was involved in Line A, the first automated metro line in Toulouse, initially as design engineer then as project manager assistant for the civil engineering phases. From 1991, SYSTRA led the project management for the preliminary design and then, from 1998 to June 2007, for the infrastructure on Line B of the automated metro. Between 2016 and 2017, SYSTRA carried out preliminary designs for the 3rd line, for which the teams received the 'BIM d'Argent' award in the 'Infrastructure Project' category in 2017. Earlier this year, SYSTRA Group's subsidiary SYSTRA Foncier won a major land acquisition assistance contract for this project.

ARCADIS, a major player in Toulouse since 1972

Since 1972, ARCADIS has been present in the Greater Toulouse region, providing continuity for its local clients. The company has demonstrated its expertise, developing its specialised metro skills locally, through preliminary designs and working with companies on Lines A and B of Toulouse Metro.

More recently, in 2015 ARCADIS was entrusted with project management for the 'Linéo 3' bus rapid transit (BRT) and the extension of three 'short' stations to double the capacity of Line A of the Toulouse Metro – projects that are ongoing.

ARCADIS is also working on the 3rd line of Toulouse Metro with Tisséo-Collectivités via a framework agreement that has led it to identify certain technical solutions and/or route alternatives, and with Tisséo-Ingénierie via an environment PMC contract to carry out studies and compile regulatory documentation related to this iconic project.

Metro projects in France

For the Grand Paris Express, SYSTRA is also carrying out a systems PMC assignment for Lines 15, 16 and 17, as well as several project management assignments for the Line 15 project. SYSTRA is also project manager for the extensions of Lines 4, 11, 12 and 14 of the Paris Metro, as well as for the extension of Line B of Lyon Metro.

ARCADIS is also involved in the Grand Paris Express, having won a global project management assistance contract as part of the Artémis partnership (comprising Artelia, Arcadis and BG) for lines 15, 16 and 17, as well as an infrastructure PMC assignment for the whole project and the project management for line 18. ARCADIS is also working as project manager on Rennes Metro.

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A recognised world leader in mobility and mass transit, SYSTRA employs 6,100 people and has an operational presence in 80 countries. *Engineering News-Record* ranks SYSTRA in the top three mass transit and rail international design firms and among the 50 largest engineering firms in the world.

Our specialists plan, design, integrate, test, commission, project manage and deliver mass transit and mobility solutions that are relied upon by millions of people every day around the world. For more than 60 years we have helped cities and regions thrive through creating, improving and modernising their transport infrastructure.

About ARCADIS

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