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SYSTRA WINS CONTRACT FOR VIETNAM'S FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY

Paris, November 25, 2026 – SYSTRA has been selected to lead an eight-company international consortium to carry out studies for Vietnam's future North–South high-speed railway. This major contract places the French engineering group at the heart of one of the country's most ambitious infrastructure projects: a 1,541-km railway set to transform travel between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

On 22 November 2026, the Thang Long Project Management Unit, the public agency tasked by Vietnam's Ministry of Construction with preparing and managing the project, officially approved the award of a major consultancy contract to an international consortium led by SYSTRA for the North–South high-speed railway project.

Alongside SYSTRA, the consortium brings together four Vietnamese companies — TEDI, TEDI SOUTH, TRICC and Hoang Long — and three South Korean partners: Sambo Engineering, Yooshin Engineering Corporation and Korea National Railway (KNR). The consortium will be responsible for geotechnical surveys, feasibility studies, Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) and the preparation of tender documents for this landmark national project.

A high-speed railway to improve travel in Vietnam

Stretching from Ngoc Hoi station in Hanoi to Thu Thiem station in Ho Chi Minh City, the future North–South high-speed railway will form a new backbone for Vietnam's transport network. The project involves the construction of a new 1,541-km double-track railway, crossing 15 provinces and cities, with a design speed of 350 km/h. The planned infrastructure will include 23 passenger stations and five freight stations.

Once operational, the line is expected to reduce journey times between Vietnam's two largest cities to approximately five and a half hours, compared with around 30 hours today. Beyond faster connections, the project aims to support economic development and provide a more sustainable alternative for long-distance travel.

SYSTRA leading a key phase of the project

As lead member of the consortium, SYSTRA will bring its extensive international high-speed rail expertise to a decisive stage in the development of the future line.

The 30-month assignment covers a broad range of studies that will help establish the railway's technical and economic foundations.

These studies will inform major decisions concerning the route alignment, station locations, infrastructure, railway technologies and investment arrangements.

A new milestone for SYSTRA in Vietnam

This major contract builds on SYSTRA's long-standing presence in Vietnam, where the Group has been contributing to the development of transport infrastructure for more than 20 years.

SYSTRA has notably played a key role in Hanoi Metro Line 3, whose first elevated section opened in 2024, and contributed to the design of Ho Chi Minh City Metro Line 1. More recently, the Group has expanded its involvement in high-speed rail, securing several assignments on the Hanoi–Quang Ninh and Ben Thanh–Can Gio projects.

In January 2026, the Group further strengthened its local presence with the creation of SYSTRA Vietnam, establishing a permanent base to support the country's rapidly expanding transport infrastructure ambitions.

Jean-Charles Vollery, CEO of SYSTRA, said: "With this new assignment, SYSTRA is taking an important step in its development in Vietnam. We are strengthening our local presence by bringing our international high-speed rail expertise to bear, helping to develop local skills and shape the future of mobility across the country. With 50 high-speed rail projects currently underway around the world, SYSTRA is reaffirming its global leadership in this field."

About SYSTRA

SYSTRA is one of the world's leading engineering and consultancy groups specialising in public transport and mobility solutions. For almost 70 years, the Group has been committed to supporting cities and regions to contribute to their development by creating, improving and modernising their transport infrastructure. By making travel smoother, SYSTRA brings communities together, promotes social integration, and facilitates access to employment, education and leisure. SYSTRA supports its partners and clients throughout the lifecycle of their projects, from the earliest stage of the design phase, right through to the deployment and maintenance testing. With 12,200 employees, SYSTRA delivers its services in more than 80 countries worldwide and generates 78% of its turnover internationally.
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