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**Transdev Group and Strides International Business jointly contracted as Shadow Operator for four new Greater Paris driverless metro lines**

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Following an international call for tenders, Transdev Group and Strides International Business, along with Transamo as leader of the consortium, have been designated by the Société du Grand Paris (SGP) and Île-de-France Mobilités (IdFM), as winners of the shadow operator contract for four new Greater Paris driverless metro lines.

Targeted to be operational between 2024 and 2030, the four new metro lines – Line 15, 16, 17 and 18 – are part of the ambitious Grand Paris Express, the largest urban project in Europe.

Essentially underground, the four new automatic metro lines will cross the territories of Greater Paris, providing greater and direct connectivity between suburban districts, and linking important transport hubs in the capital Paris. The Grand Paris Express is a landmark sustainable project that will significantly reduce pollution and congestion, and grow a metropolis that is more respectful of the environment.

The main scope of the shadow operator will be to provide technical support and assistance to the Société du Grand Paris and Île-de-France Mobilités (IdFM), prior to the selection of the operator for each of the four new lines.

As international transportation operators, Transdev Group and Strides International Business (formerly SMRT International), with the Transport Engineering and project management specialist Transamo, will jointly offer their savoir-faire and extensive expertise in operation and maintenance, and project management, to enhance the safety, reliability and commuter experience. With the companies' decades of experience operating many train and metro lines across the world, their partnership will see the best of the world's rail expertise being shared with the Société du Grand Paris and Île-de-France Mobilités (IdFM).

**The Greater Paris project is the first major international cooperation between Transdev Group and Strides International Business following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in 2020. Looking ahead, the partnership will also pursue other operation and maintenance opportunities internationally in the transportation sector.**

**About Transdev:**

As an operator and global integrator of mobility, Transdev – The mobility company –empowers freedom to move everyday thanks to safe, reliable and innovative solutions that serve the common good. We are proud to provide 11 million passenger trips everyday thanks to efficient, easy to use and environmentally friendly transportation services that connect people and communities. Our approach is rooted in long-term partnerships with businesses and public authorities, and in the relentless pursuit of the safest and most innovative mobility solutions. We are a team of people serving people, and mobility is what we do. Transdev is jointly held by Caisse des Dépôts Group (66%) and the Rethmann Group (34%). In 2020, with 83,000 employees in 17 countries, the Group generated total revenues of € 6.75 billion. For more information: [www.transdev.com](http://www.transdev.com)

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Strides International Business is a business arm of SMRT Corporation Limited. Anchoring on strong operations, maintenance and service (OMS) experiences, transport planning expertise, as well as engineering capabilities, Strides International offers end-to-end design-build-operate-maintain-transfer solutions and services to deliver reliability and safe journeys. For more information: [www.strides.com.sg](http://www.strides.com.sg)

**About Transamo:**

Transamo is a consulting company based in France. Its corporate purpose is to provide assistance to projects owners who have decided or who plan to undertake new projects related to mobility. Transamo's field of expertise covers mobility studies, project management, project steering and technical assistance for transport system design, operations and maintenance. Transamo is jointly held by Transdev and the STIB. In 2020, with 130 employees, Transamo generated total revenues of €19 million. For more information: [www.transamo.com](http://www.transamo.com)

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