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Stadler selected for St Petersburg fast tram order



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A Stadler Metelica tram was presented in Krasnodar on July 15 for three months of testing.

RUSSIA: St Petersburg fast tram concessionaire Transportnaya Koncessionnaya Kompanya has selected Stadler as preferred bidder to supply 23 three-section bidirectional Metelica trams. This replaces earlier plans for five three-section and 20 five-section trams.

The trams will be 33.5 m long with capacity for 260 passengers, and Stadler will provide maintenance during the five-year warranty period.

The Transportnaya Koncessionnaya Kompanya consortium of Lider Group and LSR Group is developing the fast tram project under a 30-year BOT agreement. Work is due to begin in August and will include the rebuilding of current routes to fast tram standards, construction of a new connector and a new depot. Project completion is envisaged for 2020, but the first six trams are to be put into service in August 2017.

Uralvagonzavod General Manager Oleg Siyenko has said that the second batch of Fokstrot trams, being supplied by Pesa in co-operation with UVZ, will be delivered to Moscow 'soon'. Deliveries under a contract signed in June 2013 were suspended with 60 of the 120 trams delivered, following the drop in the value of the rouble. Operator Mosgortrans is separately planning to issue a tender for up to 150 three-section trams, which will only be open to suppliers from the Eurasian Customs Union



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RUSSIA: The St Petersburg city authority announced on April 11 that it had selected the Transportnaya Koncessionnaya Kompanya consortium of Lider Group and LSR Group for a 30-year build, operate, transfer concession for a fast tram network. The contract is due to be signed within a month.

The concessionaire would modernise to fast tram standards and operate tram routes 8 and 64, as well the Prospekt Nastavnikov – Bolshaya Porokhovskaya corridor served by routes 7, 10 and 30. It is also expected to build a new depot on Industryalny Prospekt and purchase 20 five-section and five three-section trams. Reports indicate that Stadler Minsk is the preferred bidder for the rolling stock.

Design work should take up to 30 months. The estimated 6.5bn rouble cost would include 1.3bn roubles from the city budget. The concessionaire is expected to spend 33.7bn roubles during the 30-year contract period, and revenues of around 22.4bn roubles are envisaged.

Courtesy: Railway Gazette