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### **RATP Dev wins tender to operate Charleville-Mézières bus network**

**RATP Dev, a subsidiary of the RATP Group, is to run the TAC bus network catering to Charleville-Mézières for five years.**

Cœur d'Ardenne, the transport organising authority for the Charleville-Mézières area, awarded the contract to operate its TAC bus network on 15 November to RATP Dev under the terms of a renewed public service delegation. RATP Dev will run the bus network with effect from 1 January 2012.

“We are delighted to have met the expectations of the organising authority with high-quality solutions tailored to the region’s needs”, says Jean-Marc Janaillac, chairman of the RATP Dev management board. “We must now demonstrate our ability to meet the challenges awaiting us, i.e., simplify the transport offer to enhance the network’s appeal; increase bus frequency; ensure new routes and support the organising authority in implementing the Urban Travel Plan and the High Service Level Bus project”.

The TAC bus network caters to nine municipalities (Aiglemont, Charleville-Mézières, La Francheville, Grandville, Montcy-Notre-Dame, Nouzonville, Prix-lès-Mézières, Villers-Semeuse and Warcq) and features nine regular lines with service ensured by 32 vehicles (29 standard vehicles, one articulated bus and two 2 minibuses). It also features transport on demand services, services for people with physical impairments (sub-contracted to Isacor) and occasional transportation lines. Over 2.5 million trips were made on the TAC network in 2009.

With the award of the operating contract for the TAC network (scheduled to generate turnover in the region of €28 million over five years), RATP Dev has bolstered operations in the Champagne-Ardenne region where it is already present in inter-city transportation after acquiring Champagne-Mobilités and STD M in March 2011. “Our aim is to continue expanding in the region, which lies midway between Luxembourg, Belgium, the North of France and the Paris region”, says Emmanuel Ansart, director for France operations at RATP Dev.

#### **RATP Dev**

*Ratp Dev is a subsidiary of the RATP group established in 2002 to develop the group’s operating and maintenance business in France and internationally outside the historic area for the RATP in the greater Paris region. The RATP Dev supervisory board is chaired by Pierre Mongin and its management board by Jean-Marc Janaillac. RATP Dev currently operates on four continents in twelve countries.*