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Stadler takes on Staff of 12 and assumes responsibility for maintaining DCTA fleet

Stadler today became the employer of twelve maintenance employees and is now responsible for servicing and maintaining the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) fleet in Northern Texas. Rio Grande Pacific Corporation (RGPC) is the prime contractor in this agreement with Stadler providing the vehicle maintenance portion.

The DCTA Board today approved the hand-over of the maintenance of the existing GTW fleet to Stadler and Rio Grande Pacific Corporation (RGPC). This is Stadler's second maintenance contract in the United States, as the company builds up the Service efforts outside of Europe. Up until now, the previous contractor had been handling operations and maintenance of the eleven Stadler GTW DMU trains with services including train operations and dispatch, maintenance of equipment and facilities, maintenance of way, signals and communication.

Together, RGPC and Stadler are now contracted to provide all services to DCTA, including train operations and dispatch, maintenance of equipment and facilities, maintenance of way, signals and communication. According to the contract, RGPC is the prime contractor and provides Signaling, Dispatching, Maintenance of tracks and Operations. Stadler is covering maintenance of rolling stock and act as sub-contractor to RGPC. The contract is a nine-year-fixed-price contract with five years left and a five year extension option for DCTA. Also included in the take-over are six management-level employees, 14 engineers and conductors, who are now all part of RGPC and 12 mechanical and support employees who are joining the Stadler team.

Robert Bach, President of Rio Grande Pacific, states «Rio Grande Pacific is enthusiastic about entering into this contract with Stadler. This relationship will assist us in providing a premium level of service to DCTA which will be a model for both companies as we look to the future in the commuter rail industry.»

«We really look forward to continuing our relationship with DCTA. Stadler offers some of the best service options and we are happy that our US customers are now able to take advantage of these maintenance services» says Jürg Gygax, Executive Vice President Division Service.

«For Stadler this is now the second service contract in the US, following our maintenance contract with DART in the Dallas area. It shows that we are growing stronger in this sector and that our customers not only value our partnership when it comes to supplying rolling stock, but also rely on our excellent service options» says Martin Ritter, CEO of Stadler US Inc.

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About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 75 years. The provider of rail vehicle construction solutions has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 12,000 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 40 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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