



news release

Four Firms to Tender to Supply Trams for Edinburgh Tram Network

As the tram project approaches the end of the parliamentary process, in order to prepare for the delivery of the tram Scheme should Royal Assent be granted, **tie** limited has announced the names of the four firms who will tender for the multi-million pound contract for the design, manufacture and supply of trams for the Edinburgh tram network.

Alstom, Bombardier, CAF and Siemens have been chosen after being rigorously assessed. Eleven firms originally indicated interest, with seven bidding for the opportunity to tender.

The four firms will now be invited to submit detailed tender information, which will be scrutinised by an expert panel of industry experts at TEL and **tie**. They are tendering for the design, manufacture and supply of the trams, spares, special tools and associated equipment and an agreement for the ongoing provision of tram maintenance services and spares for the tram network. If the tram Bills are passed by Parliament, a decision will be made on the tram supply tender by the end of the year.

Features that TEL and **tie** will be looking for include:

- Low noise
- Smooth acceleration and braking
- Multiple, wide doors to enable easy boarding and alighting
- Low floors and level boarding at all passenger doorways
- Security features such as CCTV and emergency call points
- Facilities for those with mobility difficulties in line with latest requirements
- Clear real time information displays and public address systems
- At least 200 passenger capacity per vehicle

Ian Kendall, tram project director at **tie** limited, commented: "This is an important step towards the delivery of a world-class tram system for our capital city. Over the next few months, we will be scrutinising the bid information from each of these four firms to ensure that we get the best deal in terms of quality specification and value for money. All of the companies chosen by **tie** to tender have a wide portfolio of products, have worked previously in the UK and are able to supply vehicles which meet our stringent requirements."

Councillor Donald Anderson, Leader of the City of Edinburgh Council said: "We have all-party support for taking trams forward and this represents another step towards the arrival of trams in Edinburgh. Each of these companies provides a high-quality choice for our new tram system. They are a glimpse of the exciting future ahead when trams are an effortless part of our lives whether we are travelling to work, the shops or a rugby match. Trams are acknowledged to have huge potential to boost economies as well, as recently seen in Dublin with some shopping areas seeing a third extra people after the introduction of trams."

Neil Renilson, Chief Executive of Transport Edinburgh Limited (the company set up to deliver Edinburgh's integrated tram and bus network) said: "This takes Edinburgh a bit closer to receiving a world class tram system. Working together Lothian Buses, TEL, **tie** and the City Council aim to deliver a transport network that builds on the existing success of our buses.

"In the future buses and trams will work together with seamless interchanges and fully integrated ticketing through the use of Lothian Bus Ridacards and Day Tickets which will be valid for travel on trams. This will give the people of Edinburgh, and our visitors, a transport network that should inspire further growth in public transport use. As with bus procurement, when buying a tram the quality of vehicle and finish is of vital importance."

The Scottish Parliament Committee for the Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill has indicated its approval and the committee for the Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill is expected to report its findings in March. Following this, the Scottish Parliament will hold full debates and vote on the Bills, to enable Royal Assent to be granted if passed. If this happens, construction will begin in 2007, with trams running on Edinburgh's streets by 2010.

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JPEG pictures of other tram projects that each company has completed are available on request from Weber Shandwick.

For information on trams/tie limited: www.tramtime.com / www.tie.ltd.uk

Company Information:**Company: Alstom**

Alstom is a French-based company, with experience in providing trams to a number of European cities, including Orleans, Dublin, Barcelona and Montpellier, and further afield in Melbourne and Jerusalem. Current projects involving the Citadis model include Madrid and Tenerife.

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<http://www.railway-technology.com/contractors/metro/alstom/>

<http://www.transport.alstom.com>

Company: Bombardier

German based company that manufactured the Nottingham tram, recently seen on display in Edinburgh. Previous tram projects include Nottingham, Istanbul and Stockholm.

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<http://www.railway-technology.com/contractors/metro/bombardier/>

<http://www.transportation.bombardier.com/>

Company: CAF

Previous tram projects include Lisbon and Bilbao and other projects currently in design stage are Seville and Velez-Málaga.

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<http://www.visitacostadelsol.com/dev/eng/html/boletin/bol/n87/1.htm>

Company: Siemens

Siemens has a parent facility based in Germany and a permanent design and manufacture facility in Sacramento, US, to supply the North American market. Since 1978 it has built light rail projects for many North American cities including Houston and Los Angeles. Other projects include Calgary and Edmonton in Canada.

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