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Launch of a competition for the construction of two bridges in the Ardoines sector, 3 km from Paris, in the Greater Paris area

The Orly Rungis – Seine Amont Public Development Agency (EPA ORSA) and the Val-de-Marne County Council have just launched an international call for proposals for the construction of several bridges close to Paris.

The first part of the competition (detailed design level) concerns a crossing over the rail tracks of the RER regional train line C, as well as a new bridge over the Seine, both of which will connect the towns of Vitry-sur-Seine and Alfortville.

The two structures are located in the development zone known as Gare Ardoines (created in 2012) and near the future multimodal transit hub of Ardoines which will connect the RER line C, the metro line 15 of the Greater Paris Express and the "TZen" BRT line 5 which will have a stop on the rail crossing. The latter will be completed in 2020 to coincide with the opening of metro line 15.

These structures are part of the Greater Ardoines territorial development contract which provides for the financing of the railway crossings.

The second part of the competition concerns the preliminary design of a link between Alfortville and Créteil, including the crossing of the rail tracks of the southeast Paris lines.

Applicants may consult the official announcement of the competition on the following website:

http://www.boamp.fr/avis/detail/13-215739/officiel

Provisional calendar

Submission of applications	31 January 2014
Shortlist of 3 candidates	June 2014
Submission of bids	October 2014
Selection of winner	March 2015

LES ARDOINES, in brief

The ambition for the Ardoines site - 300 hectares on the banks of the Seine – is to transform the area into a major business district. With its two stations on the RER line C (Vitry and Les Ardoines) and a future multimodal transit hub connecting the Greater Paris Express metro and the TZen BRT line 5 at "Vallée de la Seine," the Ardoines sector is destined to become an important urban site with 13,000 housing units and 45,000 jobs.

Near the future regional hub of the Ardoines station, the 49-hectare development zone will include a large office and service-sector complex.

The first phase (2015-2025) calls for 125,000 sq. m (floor area) of offices, 41,000 sq. m of business activities, 88,000 sq. m of housing, 8,000 sq. m of amenities and 18,000 sq. m of retail space.

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ORLY RUNGIS SEINE AMONT

Orly Rungis – Seine Amont Public Development Agency

Established in May 2007 by 15 partner organisations: 12 towns (Ablon-sur-Seine, Alfortville, Chevilly-Larue, Choisy-le-Roi, Ivry-sur-Seine, Orly, Rungis, Thiais, Valenton, Villeneuve-le-Roi, Villeneuve- Saint-Georges and Vitry-sur-Seine), the Val-de-Marne County Council, the Île-de-France Regional Council and the State. The agency manages the national interest project (OIN).

The territory

335,000 inhabitants 146,000 housing units 160,000 jobs, including 120,000 in the private sector.

The objectives

Economic development, residential development, transport and mobility, serving the territory and its residents 3,000 new housing units / year 1,000 new jobs / year

The Board of Directors

The board consists of eight representatives of the State, three from the Île-de-France Regional Council, three from the Val-de-Marne County Council and the mayors of the 12 towns.

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