



Press Release

Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario hand Deutsche Bahn a contract worth billions in Toronto

Deutsche Bahn International Operations is taking on the planning, operations and maintenance of a 450-km local mass transit network in Canada • Valuable experience and profits for projects in Germany • Only strong partnerships can put global climate targets within reach

(Berlin, April 20, 2022) Deutsche Bahn International Operations, DB's international subsidiary, beat out all competing consortiums to win a contract worth billions in Canada. As the leading partner of a joint venture, DB IO will take over the planning, operations and maintenance of regional passenger rail services in the megacity of Toronto and the surrounding area in the Province of Ontario. Order values under the 25-year contract will reach figures in the double-digit billions. The rail network is to be completely modernized and expanded with 205km of new track and 687km of electrified track.

DB Board Member for Infrastructure Ronald Pofalla said "This transport project is considered the most significant in Canada's history. Rail transport around the megacity of Toronto is being redesigned from the ground up. This contract is unique. Nothing in Germany or Europe compares to it. The colossal technology and knowledge transfer and the experience we gain in Canada will directly benefit rail in Germany. The profits will also flow into our German network. This international contract will allow us to bolster rail transport in Germany." Right after the contract is signed, the project will kick off with preparations for operations and an expansion of the rail network. State-of-the-art digitalization and automation technology will be brought to bear. After the initial two-year development phase, the network will have significantly more capacity and performance.

At the same time, DB is making a contribution to global climate protection: "We can achieve our climate targets as a global community only by working together. Especially if we forge partnerships, learn from one other, and help each other weather this transformation. This project is the biggest success in the DB E.C.O. Group's history. We are successfully exporting German rail and climate protection expertise," said Niko Warbanoff, Chairman of the Management Board of the DB E.C.O. Group, to which DB IO belongs.

Specializing in operating and maintaining rail transport systems, DB IO is responsible for international operator projects outside Europe.

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