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# **United States**

### Veolia Transport strengthens operations in Phoenix, Arizona, with new urban bus systems

**Paris, June 17, 2010** – Following a call for tenders, the Phoenix City Council unanimously voted to award Veolia Transportation, the US subsidiary of Veolia Transport, the contract to operate the northern and southern systems of its urban bus network. The five-year contract will start up on July 1, 2010 and will generate cumulative revenue of \$386 million. It will be the biggest operating contract for a transit system in the Phoenix area and one of the biggest of its kind in the United States.

Veolia Transportation has been providing the City of Phoenix with transit management services for 38 years. The company will now operate all 353 buses that serve the area, with responsibility for daily passenger services, safety, vehicle cleanliness and maintenance, and on-time performance. Veolia Transportation will employ more than 870 employees to fulfill the contract.

"We are very grateful to the City Council for the trust they have shown in us by awarding this contract," said Cyrille du Peloux, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Transport. "For us, Phoenix is an essential city. We have put in a great deal of effort to provide a very high level of service and we will continue to do so."

Mark Joseph, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Veolia Transportation, said: "We set up in Phoenix nearly 40 years ago, and we are now a part of the community. We fully appreciate the partnership that will be formed with two organizations that are well anchored in the community\* and that have long been known for their excellent work. These organizations will help Veolia Transportation by checking the quality of service offered during trips, and by carrying out customer-service surveys and information campaigns."

\* "Chicanos por la Causa" (CPLC) and the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), two NGOs that focus on integrating workers and minorities within the community

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### Veolia Transport

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