



## Communiqué de presse

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### Greater Dijon chooses Dalkia for its future heating network

Dalkia, a joint subsidiary of Veolia Environment and EDF, has been awarded a 25-year design, build and operate contract for the new Greater Dijon district heating network. As much as 80% of the network's energy needs will come from renewable sources.

As part of a public service management contract, the Greater Dijon joint district authority has appointed Dalkia to manage its heating network for 25 years.

The 30 kilometer low-temperature network will provide heat to homes (including many located in eco-districts) and public installations. The network will have two heat generation units: a 30 megawatt biomass heating plant to the south of the city that, once it reaches full capacity, will be fired by some 50,000 metric tons of biomass sourced mainly from the region's public and private forests as well as using by-products from the region's wood-processing industry; and a waste-to-energy plant to the north of the city that processes Greater Dijon's household waste.

As much as 80% of the heat will therefore be generated from renewable and recovered energy.

The choice of biomass as a fuel will also help to strengthen the local wood-energy sector, which predicts that it will create 20 new jobs that are safe from the risk of relocation. The creation of this heating network, which is in line with the objectives set out by France's Grenelle Environment Forum, is supported by the Heat Fund of Ademe, France's Environment and Energy Management Agency.

*"By anticipating the measures decided by the Grenelle Environment Forum, such as the implementation of its regional plan for energy and the climate, Greater Dijon has seized the chance offered by work on the new tramway to install the first 5 kilometers of the future heating network at a low cost. New installations will be added to this initial pipe network, which will supply enough green heating energy to meet the needs of almost 20,000 households,"* explains François Rebsamen, Chairman of the Greater Dijon joint district authority.

This showcase installation will cut the heating and hot water costs for future users as well as insulating them from 80% of rises in the cost of fossil fuels.

For Franck Lacroix, Chairman of Dalkia: *"The Greater Dijon network will be an effective weapon in the fight against fuel poverty, as well as significantly cutting the carbon footprint of the Greater Dijon area by avoiding 37,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> that would otherwise have been emitted. That's equivalent to the emissions of 16,000 cars a year."*

This contract will generate estimated cumulative revenue for Dalkia in excess of 200 million euros.



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### **About Dalkia**

A subsidiary of Veolia Environnement and Electricité de France (EDF), Dalkia is a leading European provider of energy services to public authorities and companies. Since its creation, it has focused on energy and environmental optimization. It meets customer expectations by delivering customized, end-to-end solutions to ensure comfortable living and efficient energy supply. Its services include management of heating systems and energy and industrial fluid production facilities, energy plant engineering and maintenance services, technical services for commercial and industrial building operation, and comprehensive building management services. With nearly 53,500 employees in 42 countries, Dalkia reported managed revenue of €8.6 billion in 2010. [www.dalkia.com](http://www.dalkia.com)

### **About Greater Dijon:**

Greater Dijon has invested 400 million euros in constructing two tramway lines. This project is the centerpiece of a cross-cutting long-term vision for Dijon. It symbolizes the attitude of a city of 250,000 inhabitants that is proud to claim its place as a major urban center. By 2015, the regional capital of Burgundy will have invested over 1 billion euros in improving its facilities for investors, accommodation for its residents and, most of all, the quality of life in a city whose appeal is rooted in green innovations, as demonstrated by the work on the tramway, housing and heating network. By September 2012, the tramway will be in service and the city center transformed, to become more inviting than ever. Businesses and their staff will be moving into the new High Environmental Quality business parks. Greater Dijon, which is already home to a Zénith exhibition and entertainment center, a Vélodi self-service bicycle rental system and the newly inaugurated Rhine-Rhone high-speed rail line, will also boast a brand new public hospital, a major sports stadium and 10 new eco-districts and eco-projects all along the 20 kilometers of tramway lines. Welcome aboard a city set for the future!

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