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FPS advises Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe on tender to modernise on-board technology and radio communications

Frankfurt, 26 November 2026 – Commercial law firm FPS has provided Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG (DVB) with comprehensive public procurement and contract law advice in a competitive dialogue to modernise key components of its ITCS (Intermodal Transport Control System).

As part of its overall project to modernise its information and communication technologies (MIKT), DVB launched an EU-wide competitive dialogue for on-board computers and an associated radio and audio management system for its entire vehicle fleet. The sub-project has a contract value of approximately EUR 15 million.

DVB operates local public transport in Dresden, the state capital of Saxony, running trams, buses, funicular railways and ferries. Around 550,000 passengers travel with DVB every weekday, making it the region's central municipal mobility provider, with a workforce of around 2,300. DVB is designated as a critical infrastructure operator in the transport sector under the BSI Critical Infrastructure Ordinance (BSI-KritisV). With funding from the European Union, the German federal government and the Free State of Saxony, DVB has for several years been introducing transport telematics applications in a gradual and targeted manner. These make a significant contribution to improving the reliability, travel speed and energy efficiency of local public transport, as well as the quality and consistency of passenger information. The measures are intended to help shift travel towards sustainable modes of transport. DVB already recorded record demand of more than 186 million public transport passengers in 2025.

Under the MIKT sub-project, all of DVB's buses and low-floor trams will be fitted with a new on-board computer. In addition, the audio management system at the DVB control centre will be replaced and radio communications between vehicles, dispatchers and fixed infrastructure will be modernised. The associated digitalisation and connectivity between road users, vehicles, infrastructure and traffic management systems will open up new opportunities to improve the performance and reliability of local public transport, enhance the quality of individual, reliable and consistent travel information, and increase road safety. The project is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF 2021–2027).

This level of connectivity places high functional and quality demands on transport operators' communications technology and infrastructure. Moreover, the use of innovative technologies requires new hardware and software components to be commissioned in vehicles, traffic engineering, traffic management systems and general traffic data management. Given the complexity and innovative nature of the MIKT project, a

competitive dialogue was conducted to open up competition as widely as possible, promote innovation and bring the expertise of leading companies in the field of intermodal transport control systems into the procurement process.

Led by Dr Annette Rosenkötter, the FPS team advised on public procurement law, IT contract law, data protection law, and state aid and funding law.

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