



Road signage design for A16 Rotterdam Noord.



THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NETHERLANDS' MAIN ROAD AND WATERWAY NETWORKS, RIJKSWATERSTAAT, HAS AWARDED TEBODIN A THREE-YEAR FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES.

Engineering shortlist Rijkswaterstaat

The framework contract follows on 11 years of successful collaboration with Rijkswaterstaat (RWS) on the design and project support of road signage for the Dutch highway network. Transport and logistics are key sectors in the Dutch economy, and therefore mobility and accessibility of the network are major priorities.

Tightly woven network

With the contract awarded in December 2016, Tebodin is now one of 12 engineering

companies that have been pre-selected for RWS contracts for the coming three years, with a 1 year extra-option. RWS and its engineering contractors have their work cut out: in a country measuring approximately 41,500 km², the highway network stands at over 3,000 km of road, with almost 1,500 km of access, exit and connecting roads, some 3,000 viaducts and ecoducts, over 700 bridges and 22 tunnels. No RWS project is ever simple and



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straightforward. They all need an integrated multidisciplinary approach, including stakeholder management and systems engineering methodology.

Fresh approach

In the past, Tebodin performed successfully on various infrastructural projects abroad, which also lead to RWS' preferred suppliership. 'Besides our national expertise, we bring in a broad portfolio of Infra projects we executed in for

instance the Middle East. Within the first few months, we have already entered negotiations for several projects where we can make a difference', says Jeroen Baars, Tebodin's Contract Manager on the partnership.

'Our expertise focuses on object control and data management, signage and mobility, (integration in) civil constructions, sustainable design and operations, and our expertise in underground cables and pipes. Working this closely with a public client offers the perfect opportunity to do something our engineers are really good at: combining knowledge from different sectors and bringing a fresh approach to complex challenges', according to Jeroen Baars. ■

In the past, Tebodin was involved in a few eye-catching RWS projects. These included the development of road signage strategies for e.g. the construction of the second Coen tunnel, decongesting the Amsterdam metropolitan area, and the MaVa project on Southern Ring way in Rotterdam. In the latter, the main stakeholder was the Port of Rotterdam with all of the port's road traffic. Recently, the complex A2 tunnel project was concluded – the highway now runs through a double-layered tunnel beneath the city of Maastricht, the first in the Netherlands.