

FONDS DE RÉSERVE POUR LES RETRAITES

Executive Board

July 1st, 2004

The Executive Board of the FRR (*Fonds de réserve pour les retraites*) has awarded (1) a transition manager mandate to Goldman Sachs International for a period of three years.

The transition manager will provide centralized securities brokerage services throughout the initial portfolio-building period of the Fund, with the aim of minimizing transaction costs and market impacts. The transition manager will also help to develop a global reporting capability and centralized monitoring as the FRR builds toward full operation.

This mandate was awarded after a process known as “competitive dialogue” under the French Procurement Contracts Code, and after having consulted an RFP commission. Experts from the FRR analyzed the proposals submitted in connection with the mandate, with support from the financial consultant Mercer Investment Consulting and legal counsel Allen & Overy.

The FRR was pleased with the very high quality of the dialogue that led to the elaboration of the specifications for this mandate, as well as with all of the proposals submitted, particularly considering that this type of mandate constitutes an innovation for French institutional investors.

(1) In accordance with regulations in force governing this RFP process, notification of the mandate awarded is binding on the FRR and will take place after the related contract has been finalized with the investment management firm whose proposal has been retained.