

The 6-metre Bluebus joins the UGAP catalogue

More than a year after its launch, the latest generation 6-metre bus developed by the Bluebus company has reached a new milestone by being listed in UGAP's catalogue, the central procurement agency. Public purchasers are thus exempted from tendering and competitive bidding procedures. This single-award contract is for a period of 24 months and may be tacitly renewed for one year.

"We are thrilled about the inclusion of the new 6-metre Bluebus in the UGAP catalogue. The central procurement agency's selection will give our vehicle greater visibility and act as a catalyst for orders. The 6-metre Bluebus continues to build on its success one year after its commercialisation and is now ready to reach new customers," says David Castel, Managing Director of Bluebus.

The 100% electric 6-metre Bluebus is the latest addition to the range of urban and suburban buses offered by Bluebus. It includes an integrated battery charger and solid-state LMP® (Lithium Metal Polymer) batteries with increased density. These give it a range that can reach 280 km*. In addition to being accessible to people with reduced mobility, it can accommodate up to 35 passengers thanks to its floor space that is unique on the market. With zero emissions, the 6-metre Bluebus can operate in low emission zones (LEZ), thus reducing greenhouse gases and improving urban air quality.

Since its launch in September 2021, Bluebus has sold 42 of its latest generation 6-metre buses, 15 of which are already in circulation in France.

About Bluebus

Bluebus, a Bolloré Group entity created in 2007 in Ergué-Gabéric (Brittany), is a French manufacturer of 100% electric buses. Available in 6-metre and 12-metre versions, these buses are equipped with solid-state batteries produced by Blue Solutions. The Bluebus and Blue Solutions production sites are ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified, and labelled *Origine France Garantie*.

The Bluebus range offers zero-emission technology and a silent solution to meet the demands from local authorities and transport operators for clean, sustainable mobility. More than 530 Bluebus electric buses are currently in service worldwide.

For more information visit www.bluebus.fr

About UGAP

UGAP is a French non-specialist central procurement service and a pivotal player in France's public procurement. Its total business in 2022 amounted to 5.88 billion euros, excluding VAT. It meets the needs of all public entities (1), whatever their size or volume of orders. UGAP's range of products and services is based on over 3,250 contracts assigned according to rules of public ordering. Its clients enjoy access (2) to over a million products and services from UGAP's suppliers.

Its purchases make UGAP an instrumental vehicle in public ordering and support for innovation. More than 74% of its suppliers are SMEs and intermediate-sized firms. 95% of its contracts include a CSR dimension. UGAP is certified with the French state's label *Relations Fournisseurs et Achats Responsables* for sustainable, balanced relations with suppliers, bestowed by the French public service in business-partner mediation and by the French procurement association *Conseil national des achats*.

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* Range calculated according to the E-SORT 3 cycle (UTAC 09/22 tests); variable according to conditions of use

(1) Its clients are local authorities, social-sector players, public health centres, and administrative bodies and entities of the French state.

(2) Any public buyer who uses UGAP's service is exempt from their legal obligations in advertising and competitive bidding. So, with just a purchase order, clients of this central procurement service can enjoy immediate access to its entire range of products and services.