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National agreement between French Ministry of the Economy and large companies **Alstom creates job opportunities for young people from priority suburbs**

On 15 February 2008, Alstom signed — along with the French Minister of the Economy, Finance and Employment and the Secretary of State for Urban Affairs — a national agreement concerning the professional integration of young people from priority suburbs.

Under the agreement, Alstom commits to three main actions: provide information and promote the careers available within the company, implement an internship policy to give young people practical experience in the workplace, and help those from disadvantaged urban areas enter the job market.

This agreement will be implemented mainly by Alstom Power Service France. A division specialised in services and maintenance for power plants in France, Alstom Power Service France has its headquarters located in one of the target areas, La Courneuve in the Seine Saint-Denis suburb, in the Paris area. In the next three years, Alstom Power Service France will offer 50 jobs to the target group. It will also set up 75 apprenticeship and work-study training programmes.

This initiative is part of an active recruitment and training programme in Alstom, which plans to hire more than one thousand people this year in France to work for its equipment and services activities for power generation and rail transport.

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