

Finnra Production chose TietoEnator for its IT Partner

The production division of Finnra (the Finnish National Road Administration), a business unit that is to become a separate enterprise from the beginning of next year, has chosen TietoEnator for its IT partner. The objective of the partnership is to enhance the competitiveness of Finnra Production by combining its expertise in relation to traffic and traffic environments with strong IT expertise.

? The partnership agreement is aimed at creating a deepening relationship, whereby Finnra will receive high quality IT support and service for enhancing its own processes and for developing new products and services", says Eero Karjaluto, the Chief Director of Finnra Production.

One of the key objectives of the partnership, as well as of the future enterprise, is the development of new services and products. By combining the possibilities of information technology with traffic and traffic environment related expertise, Finnra Production will enhance its competitiveness on the developing markets. The partnership will allow the creation of pioneering road and traffic related services for an environment that is becoming an increasingly digital one.

For TietoEnator, the partnership with Finnra Production will introduce a new, significant field in which to implement its business idea of strategic partnerships for building an information society.

One of the first common challenges presented to TietoEnator and Finnra Production is an enterprise resource planning solution, an extensive development project associated with the transformation to a separate enterprise. A solution will be jointly developed and implemented, covering all core processes from signing contracts to implementing them, as well as the control, financial and asset management and HR processes. The objective is to create an overall IT solution that will enhance operations and support the enterprise's business model.

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The business of the new Finnra Production enterprise will include activities in the field of civil engineering, primarily the design, construction, maintenance and overhaul of transport facilities and their environment, as well as their related products and services. The new enterprise will be a country-wide organisation. The maintenance of public roads will be gradually opened for competition during 2001 – 2004. Finnra Production will be competing for these contracts as one of the fully authorised operators in the field.

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