
PRESS RELEASE

BNSF & STI-GLOBAL ENTER INTO 6 YEAR CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF WORLD'S BEST PRACTICE RAILWAY OPTICAL TRACK INSPECTION SYSTEM

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BNSF Railway Company, of the USA, has awarded a six year contract to STI-Global for the supply and operation of an Optical Track Recording Coach. The coach will be purpose equipped with a version of the optical recording technology that STI-Global recently installed and delivered to ADIF, the Spanish Railway Authority, on its high speed track recording coach. The BNSF system will be further enhanced to meet additional track inspection requirements considered important for a modern railroad and specifically configured for the infrastructure management demands of a heavy haulage freight network, improving its risk management capability and reducing its operating costs.

Additionally, STI-Global will install optical sensors and hardware on three of BNSF Railway's existing track geometry recording train-sets.

Robert Grant, CEO of STI-Global stated that "Spain has shown a lot of interest in the new high speed rail links being promoted by the US Government, and we are very pleased to be the first Spanish company to be able to announce the sale of a system of this sort used on the Spanish High Speed Rail Network to the USA. BNSF Railway is the largest and most significant railway in the United States, and their decision to move to optical track recording systems will no doubt be milestone in the development of inspection techniques and an inspiration for others."