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On 16 February 2004, Jean-François Roverato, Chairman of Eiffage, and Franck Borotra, Chairman of the Yvelines General Council, signed a 20-year concession agreement as part of a public service delegation strategy. Under the terms of the agreement, the General Council contracts out the construction and operation of a passive broadband telecommunication infrastructure network covering France's Yvelines département. The département's General Assembly met on 13 February and unanimously approved both the draft concession agreement and the choice of Eiffage as contractor.

Forclum, Eiffage's electrical contracting division, is to install a fibre-optic loop serving more than 40 business districts across the département and connecting together half a dozen operator interconnection sites and 20 exchanges run by the historic operator, France Telecom. The concessionaire will also build facilities to host equipment belonging to operators wishing to enhance their coverage of the département.