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VALORIZA TO PROVIDE WASTE COLLECTION AND STREET CLEANING SERVICES IN SORIA FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS

- **The Soria City Council awarded the contract for €52.5 million.**
- **Valoriza will increase its hired staff by 23% and renew the entire fleet for this service and the city's waste bin system**

Soria, March 22, 2023.- Valoriza Servicios Medioambientales was awarded the contract for the new waste collection and street cleaning system listed by **Soria** City Council for the next 15 years, for €52.5 million. Thus, renewing a service that Valoriza has been providing in Soria since 2007.

Thanks to this new contract, Soria will have a more efficient, sustainable and environmentally conscious service, focused on the collection of sorted waste every day of the week. To achieve that, Valoriza will increase its hired staff by 23%, to provide a better service to the citizens of Soria.

New fleet and waste bins

Some of the improvements in this contract are the total upgrade of the service fleet, with the purchase of 41 new vehicles, which expands the fleet by 52%. 44% of the waste collection vehicles and 67% of the Street cleaning vehicles will be zero-emissions electric vehicles.

Valoriza will also upgrade the 1,107 bins in the city, with a new, more functional and modern design, made with a more resistant, quieter, material, and more accessible.

Moreover, the drop-off recycling point will be open all year round, including holidays, and it will add a new itinerant recycling drop off, and a meet-up location to exchange used wares.

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Another improvement in this service is the door-to-door collection in industrial parks and shopping areas, a master plan waste bins, specific plans for the San Juan celebrations and heavy snowfalls, heavy volume collections Monday through Saturday, a program to incentivize women hires and estimating the service's carbon footprint.

Valoriza will continue to collaborate in community-targeted actions, like the 'Senderos del Duero' initiative, a program that highlights the value of recovering river-side ecosystems across five hiking trails since 2012.

Urban solid waste management in Soria

The renewal of this contract in Soria occurs closely in time to the recent contract award for the urban solid waste management by the Diputación de Soria valued at €10 million, for the next four years, with the chance to extend the contract twice for a one year-term each.

Valoriza promotes sustainability and efficiency in all its services by focusing on its professionals, favoring a social economy and gender equity, facilitating work-life balance and incorporating universal accessibility criteria.