



FIRST AUTONOMOUS SHUTTLES ARRIVE IN OTTAWA

Invest Ottawa and Aurrigo Strike Strategic Partnership to Help Ensure the Safety of Future Autonomous Mobility Solutions

OTTAWA, ON – March 28, 2019: Invest Ottawa, lead economic development agency for Canada's Capital, and Aurrigo, the autonomous vehicle division of RDM Group, today announced a partnership to test and validate PodZero, a world-leading driverless shuttle providing 'first and last mile' transport solutions, in Ottawa's true four-season climate. This partnership will also include regional pilot projects that leverage the autonomous shuttles over the next few months.

Under this agreement, two PodZero shuttles will be tested in the Ottawa L5 Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Test Facilities managed by Invest Ottawa. Initial tests will be conducted in the private CAV test track located at the Greenbelt, and then the public CAV test track in Kanata North Tech Park. The Ottawa L5 is equipped with GPS (RTK), dedicated short-range communications (DSRC), Wi-Fi, 4G/LTE and 5G telecommunications and networking infrastructure, making it the first integrated CAV test environment of its kind in North America.

Aurrigo's PodZero is set to change the mode of transportation on the last stage of a passenger's journey from transport hubs to and from a wide range of destinations including airports, hospitals, campuses, theme parks, and many more. Equipped with a suite of technologies including GPS, sensors and cameras, the self-driving and electric PodZero travels up to 15 miles per hour and lasts up to 60 miles off one charge. Passengers can order the pod using a mobile app, direct the pod to make personalized stops along the journey and arrive next to or even inside their destination.

"This partnership is an exciting development following our decision to open business and technological operations in Ottawa a year ago," said David Keene, CEO of Aurrigo. "The ability for Aurrigo to test and validate our autonomous control system (ACS) and our self-driving pods in four-season conditions is of vital importance to our global growth strategy."

"This strategic partnership will further Ottawa's leadership in safe development, testing and implementation of CAVs," said Kelly Daize, Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Program Director, Invest Ottawa. "It will enable transportation authorities and road operators to test CAV technology, develop best practices and action plans that help to create a safe driverless transportation future."

Invest Ottawa and Aurrigo look forward to announcing initial autonomous shuttle pilot projects in the coming months.

About Aurrigo

Aurrigo is the autonomous vehicle division of RDM Group, a privately-owned business based in Coventry that is leading the world when it comes to 'first and last mile' transport solutions. With over 25 years' experience in providing automotive technology and transport solutions, the firm designs and develops autonomous vehicles from the ground



up, including the autonomous control systems, and offers a full 'in the field' operating service. Currently employing 85 people, the company has international offices in Australia, Canada and the United States.

About Invest Ottawa

Invest Ottawa is the lead economic development agency for Canada's Capital, facilitating economic growth and job creation in the City of Ottawa. Guided by a vision to help realize Ottawa's full potential as a globally-recognized, innovative and future-ready city, and the best place to learn, work, live, and play, Invest Ottawa delivers venture development and global expansion programs and services that catalyze the growth and success of entrepreneurs and firms. These include: small business training; mentorship; acceleration for technology firms; foreign business and investment attraction; local business retention and expansion in targeted sectors; commercialization; and marketing Ottawa's diversified economy and high quality of life. Since 2012, Invest Ottawa has worked with thousands of startups, scale-ups and SMEs; helped firms to attract \$322 million in capital; contributed to the creation of more than 6,350 jobs; and attracted \$293 million in Foreign Direct Investment. For additional information, please visit: www.investottawa.ca

About Ottawa L5 Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Test Facilities

The Ottawa L5 CAV Test Facilities established and led by Invest Ottawa provide world-class integrated testing grounds for the safe implementation of CAVs. These facilities enable V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything) testing and validation of CAV technologies in Ottawa's true four-season climate on public and private testbeds. Building on Ottawa's internationally-recognized strengths in telecommunications and security, the Ottawa L5 testing facilities are equipped with V2X connectivity including: GPS (RTK), DSRC (Dedicated Short Range Communications), Wi-Fi, 4G/LTE and 5G infrastructure, making it the *first integrated CAV test environment of its kind*. Leveraging valuable regional CAV expertise, public and private partnerships and investment, the Ottawa L5 is a Regional Technology Development Site (RTDS) in the Province of Ontario's Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN). For additional information, please visit: <https://www.investottawa.ca/ottawal5/>

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